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New 'Prayer Amendment' Bill Introduced In U. S. Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Holding that such words as "non-denominational" and "meditation" in previous similar legislation will only diminish chances for passage, Sen. Richard S. Schweiker (R-Pa.) has introduced a new "prayer amendment" proposal in the Senate which omits those words.

Joined by five co-sponsors, his joint resolution calls for "an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to prayer in public buildings."

Sen. Schweiker explained to colleagues that his measure is intended to make constitutionally permissible "voluntary prayer in public schools and buildings."

On Jan. 4, he and 28 co-sponsors submitted a joint resolution providing for the restoration of "voluntary, non-denominational prayer or meditation" in public schools and buildings because, he said, he "disagrees with the Supreme Court decisions of the 1960s which held school prayer unconstitutional."

His new measure is the result of (Continued on page 3)

Series Eight 'Man And Boy' Rallies Planned For May 3

A series of eight Baptist "Man and Boy" Rallies will be held simultaneously in the state on May 3, according to Rev. E. L. Howell, director of the Brotherhood Department, sponsor.

Mr. Howell said that "this will be a unique opportunity for men and boys to participate in an exciting and informative mission experience."

Each program will feature a presentation by a Southern Baptist flourishing foreign missionary.

Other program activities will include a testimony by a summer student missionary, Royal Ambassador camp emphasis, and an awareness in supporting missions through prayer.

Each chapter is invited to complete a craft or hobby activity to be placed on display in fellowship hall of the host church.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting thus allowing the crafts and hobbies from the various churches to be viewed and discussed.

Each meeting will be characterized by fun, fellowship, learning, and inspiration, Mr. Howell added, and he has urged men and boys from each church to attend the meeting most convenient.

Each rally will begin at 7:00 p.m. and adjourn later that same evening. Paul Harrell, associate in the Brotherhood Department, will assist Mr. Howell in directing the clinics.

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Bus Evangelism Outreach Clinics Set For State

The Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department will sponsor six Area Bus Evangelism Outreach Clinics in the state April 30 - May 1 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Three faculty teams will conduct these six area meetings throughout the state, according to Bryant M. Cummings, department director.

Team 1 will be composed of Billy Hudgins, Sunday School Department and Rev. H. C. Zachry, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee and will be on April 30 at State Boulevard Church in Meridian and on May 1 in (Continued on page 3)

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, who has served as executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for nearly five years, has announced his retirement, which will become effective Nov. 13 of this year.

Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, of Tupelo, president of the board, Friday of last week issued the following statement regarding Dr. Hudgins' retirement:

"Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary - treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has asked that the Executive Committee of the Convention Board set a time for his retirement.

"The committee has requested that Dr. Hudgins remain in office until November 13, 1973.

"The Executive Committee, by action of the Board, has been charged with the responsibility of finding a replacement for Dr. Hudgins.

"Dr. Earl Kelly, chairman of that committee, is today announcing plans for executing that responsibility.

"Dr. Hudgins has brought to the office of executive secretary - treasurer of the board great distinction by his sincere and capable leadership.

"His dynamic spiritual leadership has brought a spirit of unity to Mississippi Baptists, and his mature fiscal leadership has been unsurpassed. We are thankful to God for having given us this man."

Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, chairman of the board's executive committee, said that in the meeting of the committee on Thursday of last week Dr. Hudgins advised the group of his desire to retire since he was approaching the board's mandatory retirement age and requested that a date for his retirement be set.

Dr. Kelly, in a statement released by the committee on Friday, said that the group set Nov. 13 because that evening is the first night session of the 1973 Mississippi Baptist Convention at which time an appropriate opportunity would be provided for the convention to honor Dr. Hudgins for his leadership during the past five years.

Dr. Kelly said, in announcing plans to seek a successor to Dr. Hudgins, and speaking on behalf of the full committee, that "the committee is keenly aware of its awesome responsibility for the selection of a worthy successor to one who has been as capable as Dr. Hudgins, and the assign-

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Nunnery Named Head Of Child Care Leaders

Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent of the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson has been elected president of Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists at the recent annual meeting of the conventionwide Child Care Executives organization.

Convened in Seattle, Washington, the meeting was hosted by Baile Memorial Boys Ranch, the Southern Baptist child care agency in the state of Washington and was the silver anniversary convention for Southern Baptist Child Care Executives which was chartered in Jackson, in 1948.

Records indicate that 40 different Southern Baptist homes for children and child care agencies, representing 20 different states are included in the membership of the organization through the chief executive and wife of each of such agencies. In addition, almost 50 honorary memberships are held by retired child care executives and wives.

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DR. W. DOUGLAS HUDGINS

The Retirement Announcement Statement Of Executive Committee

Released April 6 Following Meeting On April 5

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board established the method of selecting its next executive secretary-treasurer as far back as 1971. In the November 30 1971 Board meeting the Board voted unanimously that "the Executive Committee acting as a committee of the whole shall have the responsibility of nominating to the Convention Board for election a person to fill the office of executive secretary-treasurer when such vacancy occurs." This nine-member committee presently includes four past Mississippi Baptist State Convention presidents and the present president is also an ex officio member. The members of the present committee are: Dr. Earl Kelly, chairman; Dr. Robert Hamblin, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Dr. John Barnes; Dr. Harold Bryson; Dr. Perry Claxton; Rev. William Hardy; Mr. Glenn Perry; Mr. M. F. Rayburn; and Mr. Ralph Reeves. Dr. David Grant, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is an ex officio member.

Speaking in behalf of the full committee, Dr. Kelly issued the following statement to the press following Dr. Hudgins' announcement of retirement: "The Executive Committee is keenly aware of its awesome responsibility for the selection of a worthy successor to one who has been as capable as Dr. Douglas Hudgins. Its members realize the future direction of all Baptist work in the State for years to come will be, to a large extent, determined by the successor to Dr. Hudgins. The very nature of this awesome assignment demands divine guidance; therefore your committee has requested that the week of April 22-28 be observed by all Miss. Baptist as a week of prayer for divine direction of the committee in its assignment. The committee begins its work with no preconceived notions as to the person to be selected, and, if we know our own minds, we want to find God's man

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CALLS RECEIVED FOR HELP FOR VICTIMS OF FLOODS IN STATE

Calls are coming to our office for assistance to individuals and churches seriously afflicted by recent floods in our state.

The Home Mission Board has been of deeply appreciated help, but we need much more to provide immediate help.

Individuals or congregations desiring to share in providing emergency help should send their contributions to the Convention Board office, or to me, designated for flood relief.

W. Douglas Hudgins
Executive Secretary - Treasurer

Cooperative Program Day Will Be Observed On April 15

By Clarence Cutrell
Associate, Stewardship Department
State Convention Board

Cooperative Program Day on April 15 affords the leadership of our churches another opportunity to tell our people of one of the greatest missionary programs in the world.

There is no desire on any one's part to cover up, gloss over, blow the facts up, or otherwise mislead anyone about our unified program of world outreach.

But there is a deep desire and unspeakable yearning in many hearts that as many as possible of our people know the truth about what all of us

together are accomplishing through our mission boards, institutions, agencies and commission.

It is tragic but true that many Southern Baptists, though well-versed in the achievements and statistics of the great athletes and entertainers of the world, know not even one Southern Baptist missionary by name, where he labors, nor the heart-breaking burdens which he carries in an attempt to help all of us to carry out our Lord's great commission.

Cooperative Program Day is an opportunity to begin correcting this situation. Let every Baptist be an informed Baptist about Baptist missions.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS UP FOR YEAR

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first three months of this year, through March, totaled \$1,418,936, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Executive Secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is a gain of \$200,997 or 16.5 percent over the \$1,217,939 given the same period of 1972, Dr. Hudgins added.

Receipts for March totaled \$423,665, a gain of \$6,543 or 1.6 percent over the \$417,122 given in March of last year.

Homes Sought

Portland Hotels Are Filled

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP) — With almost every available hotel and motel in Portland filled to capacity during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention slated here June 12-14, the local arrangements committee is organizing to place those without a place to stay in private homes.

Already, hotels and motels have confirmed reservations for 11,560 persons planning to attend the convention, according to Dan C. Stringer, executive secretary of the Northwest Baptist Convention and chairman of the local arrangements for the convention.

Stringer estimated that an additional 1,000 hotel - motel reservations had

been made direct without going through the convention housing bureau, and that an additional 200 to 300 rooms had been reserved in cities 50 to 60 miles away.

Stringer said that the committee hopes to make arrangements to handle as many as 500 to 1,000 persons in private homes.

Roland Hood, former executive secretary of the convention now serving as interim superintendent of missions for the Interstate Baptist Association in Portland, is chairman of the special committee coordinating housing of messengers in private homes.

As of April 1, Stringer estimated

that about 1,000 to 1,500 persons with friends in the Portland area already had made plans to stay in private homes rather than in hotels or motels.

Stringer said that there might be a few hotel or motel rooms available just before the convention begins when and if some who are planning to attend cancel their reservations, but as of April 1, virtually all of the 5,300 hotel - motel rooms available in Portland have been reserved.

He attributed the large number of reservations to the unusual number of families making plans to attend the convention this year, and to the fact (Continued on page 3)

Jones Elected New Student President



Officers for the Mississippi Baptist Student Convention for the coming year were elected at the annual training Conference held this last week-end at Camp Garaywa. From left: Lloyd Luncford, Delta State, vice-president; Cindy Boyd, Blue Mountain, secretary; David Jones, Mississippi State, president; Rev. Bradley Pope, Mississippi College, student director adviser, and Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Jackson, director of student work, (ex-officio). Those not shown in picture are listed in accompanying story.

David Jones of Vicksburg, a student at Mississippi State University, was elected as president of the Mississippi State Baptist Student Convention at the annual Leadership Training Conference held at Camp Garaywa last week - end.

He succeeds Miss Merrie Coburn, student at University Medical Center, Jackson.

Other officers elected were: Lloyd Luncford, Delta State, Cleveland, vice - president; Miss Cindy Boyd, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, secretary; George Satcher, Clarke College, Newton, executive committee; Miss Jeanne Forrester, MSCW, Columbus, executive committee; Conrad Howell, Wm. Carey College, Hattiesburg, executive committee; Rev. Bradley Pope, Mississippi College, Clinton, student director adviser; Rev. Larry W. Fields, Summit, pastor adviser; Dr. S. A. Moorhead, University of Mississippi, Oxford, faculty adviser.

Dr. John Lee Taylor, of McComb, told the students that "the college stu-

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Hudgins To Retire

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He said that the committee had requested that the week of April 22-28 be declared as a week of prayer in the convention for divine direction of the committee in its assignment.

Dr. Hudgins became executive secretary in February of 1969 following a period of several months in which he had served as interim executive secretary while he was still pastor of First Baptist Church and at the time chairman of the executive committee of the board.

The work and program of the board has shown steady and substantial growth under the leadership of Dr. Hudgins.

This year's Cooperative Program budget of \$5,200,000 is the largest in history and presently plans are in the making to rebuild Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, practically destroyed by Hurricane Camille.

Many Improvements Made

Many improvements in the work of the board have been evident under Dr. Hudgins' leadership.

Dr. Hudgins succeeded Dr. Chester L. Quarles, who had served as executive secretary - treasurer since 1950 until he died in 1963 while on a mission tour of South America.

Dr. Hudgins served the First Baptist Church of Jackson from 1946 until he resigned that pastorate "with regrets" in February of 1969 to accept the post for the state board.

The First Baptist Church had a substantial growth under the leadership of Dr. Hudgins.

Church records show a total of 7356 additions, 1478 baptisms, total contributions of \$8,291,601, mission gifts of \$2,307,077, Cooperative Program contributions of \$1,489,992, and a 1955 building expansion program of \$1,300,000.

Dr. Hudgins has been active in the

life of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Mississippi Baptist Convention as well as the Hinds - Madison Baptist Association, and has held many places of leadership in every area of Baptist life and in several states.

In the Southern Baptist Convention he has served as vice-president, chairman of its executive committee for several years, preached the convention sermon and is presently president of the Foreign Mission Board of the convention.

In the Mississippi Baptist Convention he has served as its president, chairman of Education Commission, chairman of building committee for the new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building, chairman of executive committee of board, preached convention sermon, and has held numerous other positions of service.

He came to the Jackson pastorate from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, and prior churches served by him included Broadway Baptist, Fort Worth, Texas and Radnor Baptist, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Hudgins is a native of middle Tennessee and holds a B. A. degree from Carson - Newman College, Tennessee and a Th.M. degree from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mississippi College awarded him the honorary D. D. degree in 1948.

Mrs. Hudgins is the former Blanche Jones of Knoxville, Tenn. They have three children, R. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson; Dr. W. Robert Hudgins, Jackson, and Dr. James J. Hudgins, of Germany. (with the armed forces.)

Dr. Hudgins is also active in civic and cultural affairs, having been president of the Jackson Rotary Club, director of Jackson Symphony Orchestra as well as holding other places of civic leadership.

SBC President Urges: Send Convention Resolutions Now!

(By the Baptist Press)

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention has issued a plea for persons planning to introduce resolutions at the denomination's annual convention in Portland, June 12-14, to send in a copy in advance to the resolutions committee.

Owen Cooper, president of the Mississippi Chemical Corp. in Yazoo City, Miss and the first layman in 13 years to lead the convention as president, announced membership on the resolutions committee at the same time he requested that advance copies of resolutions be sent to the committee.

John Parrott, pastor of First Baptist Church in Roswell, N. M., will be chairman of the resolutions committee for the Portland convention, Cooper said.

Both Cooper and Parrott pointed out that sending advance copies of resolutions that might be submitted at the convention will help the committee immeasurably in its assignment.

Last year, Cooper noted, during the first day of the convention in Philadelphia, there were a total of 31 resolutions presented and referred to the resolutions committee. The task of making enough copies of each of these resolutions alone delayed the committee's consideration considerably.

To prevent such logjams of words on paper, the convention two years ago in St. Louis adopted a recommendation from the SBC Executive Committee, adding to the bylaws of the convention a request that "copies of proposed resolutions be submitted to the committee chairman 30 days before the convention in order to make possible more thorough consideration and to expedite the committee's work."

Both Cooper and Parrott were quick to point out that the bylaw does not prohibit any messenger from introducing a resolution from the convention floor that has not been sent in advance to the resolutions committee. In fact, the resolutions are not officially introduced and cannot be acted upon by the committee until presented to the full convention.

Under convention procedure, resolutions may be introduced by any messenger, but all such resolutions are referred automatically to the resolutions committee, which reports on recommended resolutions on the final two days of the convention.

Copies of proposed resolutions to be submitted to the convention should be mailed in advance to Parrott, the chairman, at the First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 1966, Roswell, N. M., 88201.

Full Statement Of The Executive Committee

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for our next executive secretary-treasurer."

"It is also the desire of the committee to consider in its deliberations the points of view of all persons with an interest in the outcome. We shall be receptive to counsel from all State Convention Board employees, Institutional and Commission administrators, members of the State Convention Board, pastors, and members of any church cooperating with the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

An open meeting will be held in the chapel of the Baptist Building on April 26 at 10:30 a.m. for a time of prayer and for hearing all interested persons. All concerned Mississippi Baptists are invited to attend this prayer service. The Committee urges all those wishing to make nominations to place their nomination before the committee in the form of a letter in which they give qualifications and reasons why they believe their nominee to be God's man for the position. Nominations will be received until May 15, 1973. These letters of nomination should be addressed to the Executive Committee MBCB, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi. Our goal, after all, is to find the best spiritual administrator who is able to gain the cooperation of his colleagues and support of all Mississippi Baptists in carrying out the mission of the Convention Board, and who feels divine compulsion to assume the challenge, and to do so in a reasonable length of time. The Committee has asked Dr. Hudgins to continue in the office until the Tuesday night session of the 1973 convention, which will be held November 13-15. Should we be successful in securing the new executive secretary-treasurer prior to convention, he will be brought into the work at the earliest possible date to prepare to assume the office on November 13.

"We urge the prayers of all Baptists that this task not become a socio-political exercise for any persons with vested interests, but that it be kept on a high spiritual plane. In order to maintain this desired goal, the following guidelines are suggested:

1. The names of all nominees will be kept confidential, both to protect them from embarrassment and to avoid premature reports over the convention.

2. Before interviewing any nominee the Executive Committee will prepare a list of qualifications that are essential for successful leadership in this area. The committee will be open to suggestions from all concerned persons before this list of qualifications is finally adopted. It would appear at this time that some of the suggested essentials for any prospective executive secretary-treasurer should be commitment to the Lordship of Christ and the denomination, successful experience as an administrator, comprehension of the convention goals, vision, innovative leadership, skill in legislative and community relations, and cultural and intellectual breadth.

3. The Executive Committee shall follow an orderly procedure in assessing all nominees. This procedure will include the assembly of essential data on each nominee; confidential evaluations of the more promising nominees by reliable persons who have known them well; and private interviews with those nominees who seem to be the most likely prospects to fill the vacancy.

Each nominee being considered shall be given an accurate view of the work of the Convention Board—its assets, problems, and aspirations. This interview shall also include suggestions as to salary, housing, supporting staff, possible date of election, and beginning date of employment.

4. Presentation of the nominee and his qualifications to the State Convention Board for election.

5. Send a sub-committee of the Executive Committee to visit the elected executive secretary-treasurer and extend a personal invitation to him to accept the office. He shall be presented with an official letter outlining all important aspects of his election."

SBC Cooperative Program Gifts Up At Halfway Point

NASHVILLE (BP) — Halfway through the 1973-74 fiscal year, contributions through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget had increased by 7.6 per cent over gifts for the same period in 1971-72.

During the first six months of the 72-73 budget year, Southern Baptists had given \$16,897,674 through the Cooperative Program unified budget, an increase of almost \$1.2 million over contributions for the same period the previous year.

The mid-year financial report was released here by the SBC Executive Committee, which receives and distributes contributions from the 33 Baptist state conventions for the benefit of 19 agencies and organizations which receive SBC Cooperative Program support.

The financial report for the month of March, however, was down slightly compared to March of 1972.

During March 1973, Southern Baptists gave \$2.7 million through the Cooperative Program, virtually the same amount as for March, 1972. It was a decrease of \$3,279 or .12 per cent, not enough to substantially change the 7.6 per cent average for the year already on the books.

In addition to the \$16.9 million given through the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists have contributed \$19.2 million to specific world mission causes during the first six months of the fiscal year.

Designated gifts have increased by 11.42 per cent for the year, an even greater increase than Cooperative Program giving. The \$19.2 million in designated gifts is an increase of \$1.9 million over designations for the same period for 1971-72.

Of the \$19.2 million in designated gifts, a total of \$18.4 million has gone to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, most of it through the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

While Cooperative Program gifts for the month of March remained at virtually the same level as March, 1972 gifts, designated contributions during March increased by \$248,018 or 6.47 per cent. During March, 1973, more

than \$4 million was received in designated gifts.

The combined grand total in contributions, both Cooperative Program and designated gifts, reached \$36.1 million for the six month period, an increase of \$3.1 million or 9.6 per cent.

Amounts reflected in the financial report include only contributions to national and world wide Southern Baptist mission efforts, and do not include gifts to local and state Baptist mission causes.

Astronaut Jim Irwin Suffers Heart Attack

COLORADO SPRINGS (BP) — Apollo 15 Astronaut Jim Irwin, who returned from the space program last year to become an international Baptist lay evangelist, suffered an apparent heart attack here April 4 after a game of handball.

The 42-year-old former astronaut had just returned from a speaking engagement at Silvan Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, and was playing handball when stricken.

He was rushed to Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver and placed under intensive care. Physicians were guarded in making official diagnoses until 72 hours had passed.

They did tell W. H. Rittenhouse, Irwin's partner in the High Flight religious foundation he established last year, that Irwin would likely be in the hospital for six weeks and confined to his home for three months.

A spokesman for the hospital said Irwin was taken to the clinic at Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado Springs for observation after suffering chest pains before being rushed to Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver. A hospital bulletin said Irwin's vital signs were stable and he was resting well.

Two weeks earlier, Irwin had received a complete physical checkup, and his physician told him he was in better shape physically than he had been a year earlier.

Following his return from the Ap-



Seminary Trustees Meet

Dr. Bob Marsh, pastor of First Church, Laurel, and members of the Board of Trustees of New Orleans Seminary, talks with Dr. Ray Rust (right), the seminary's executive assistant to the president, after delivering the chapel message for the seminary. Dr. Marsh was on the New Orleans campus for the trustees annual meeting. During the three-day session, the Board approved a record \$1,846,223 budget, authorized new construction and major renovation projects on the campus totaling \$1,269,000 and including a 20,000 square foot addition to the library, filled several faculty positions, and handed down a number of other decisions relating to the school's faculty and administration.

Nunnery Named - - -

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Nunnery, as chief executive of Mississippi's Baptist child care agency, will serve as president of Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists for the year 1973-74 and through 1974 annual meeting which will convene in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Elected along with Nunnery for the current year were Roger Williams of North Carolina to serve as first vice-president; A. W. Coleman of Georgia to serve as second vice-president, and Charles I. Wright of Texas to serve as secretary-treasurer.

On Aug. 1, 1971, Irwin, an Air Force Colonel, suffered "strange palpitations" of the heart.

On Aug. 1, 1972, Irwin retired from the Air Force and established High Flight as a means of sharing his religious experience while on the surface of the moon. He since has traveled throughout the world, seeking to share with all men everywhere the message that he "felt God's presence on the moon."

Jones Elected

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dent in the various languages of our day says, 'I am looking for a key that will unlock me.'

Dr. Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church of McComb, speaking on "Finding the Right Key," continuing said:

Among the many words describing Jesus, one is 'The Key'.

"He gives the freedom to become genuine and real in the midst of the synthetic and counterfeit.

"It is easy to get lost on today's college campus and become a faceless statistic with an impersonal number. Jesus gave sharp focus to the valued importance of the one.

"In Christ, anonymous loneliness becomes knowing community — non-identity becomes identity.

"In Christ, everybody is somebody. Christian leadership is making Jesus known. Christian leadership is being the catalyst which brings Jesus and another together.

"Christian leadership is allowing Jesus to work through you to accomplish His goals which have become yours. It is an unshakable determination to be used of God in His purpose.

"Christian leadership is knowing with Paul, 'I can do all things through Christ, which strengthened me.'"

Local Baptist Student Union officers from 30 schools and colleges in the state attended the annual conference which adjourned at noon Sunday.

Miss Merrie Coburn, student at University Medical Center in Jackson, state president, presided.

Other principal out-of-state speakers were Hal Machat, BSU director, University of Houston, at Houston, Texas; and Shelley P. Richardson, BSU director, Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. Macklyn T. Hubbell, pastor First Baptist Church, Cleveland, led Bible study.

Other features included a business session, reports from the campuses, missions and 1973 summer missionaries, campus altars and a summer missions offering.

The conference is sponsored annually by the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director.



Mission Action Group Makes Plans

Four instructors in a series of mission action institutes spanning the nation received their orientation for the conference at Oklahoma's Lake Texoma Lodge from a full blood Creek Indian, E. H. Wallace, associational Brotherhood director at Oktaha. The instructors, who helped train about 500 mission action specialists during the Brotherhood Commission-Home Mission Board project, are (from left) Floyd Craig of the Christian Life Commission, Nashville; Charles McCullin and Paul Adkins of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Missionary Ken Pritchett of Santa Fe, N. M. Brotherhood Commission Photo.

Graham Amplifies Reports On Stand Involving Rapists

MONTREAT, N. C. (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham has issued a statement here "to amplify some of the press reports" of his comment in South Africa concerning castration for convicted rapists.

He described the statement as "an offhand, hasty, spontaneous remark at a news conference" that he immediately regretted.

The evangelist added that he realized "it is not the responsibility of a minister of the Gospel to go around setting penalties for crime."

At the same time, he said, "It is interesting that the thought of castration for some people stirs a far more violent reaction than the idea of rape itself. Perhaps this is a part of our permissive society's sickness."

According to the Bible, Mr. Graham commented, God's justice "will be administered with a severity that is greater than the mind of man to imagine and this justice of God will be administered also with a mercy that is beyond the mind of man to imagine."

The evangelist pointed out that during his visit to South Africa, the African press considered his statements on race and the historic integrated audiences that attended his rallies as "the big story."

(Mr. Graham had been quoted by United Press International on March 21 as having said, "I think there should be capital punishment for certain crimes. I think that where capital

punishment is administered equally to white and black, it's been proved to be a deterrent." On rape, he was quoted as having said, "I think when a person is found guilty of rape, he should be castrated. That would stop him pretty quick." He did not refer to the reported comment on the death penalty in his Montreat statement.)

When the report of Mr. Graham's statement on the death penalty and castration was first publicized in the U. S., it drew criticism from some clergy, including a group of black ministers from the Twin Cities area who threatened to boycott Mr. Graham's July Twin Cities crusade unless he repudiated the reported comments.

The 10 protesting Minnesota clergy described those remarks as "an underhanded racist slap to black men everywhere," and said they were asking their churches not to take part in the crusade unless the evangelist repudiated the statements.

They issued their statement in behalf of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and the Minnesota State Baptist Convention an affiliate of the National Baptist Convention, Inc.

In Springfield, Mass., the Rev. Wilbur C. Ziegler, chairman of the Task Force on Penal Reform of the Council of Churches of Greater Springfield called the reported Graham proposals

"tragic" and said he "was utterly astonished to hear them from a so-called man of God."

Full text of Mr. Graham's Montreat statement, which was issued April 2, follows:

"I would like to amplify some of the press reports of comments I made recently in South Africa concerning the penalty for rape.

"First of all, it is of interest that the African press regarded the big story of my visit to be in the realm of race relations. My strong statements on race plus the large numbers attending the meetings and responding to the Gospel were front-page news. In fact, the crusades broke all attendance records for any event south of the equator in Africa. The meetings were totally integrated. This in itself was played up as historic in the area.

"I realize it is not the responsibility of a minister of the Gospel to go around setting penalties for crime. My comment on rape was an offhand, hasty, spontaneous remark at a news conference that I regretted almost as soon as I said it. I meant to come back to it before the conference was over and correct it but got sidetracked on other issues. I unfortunately used a word which, in our sex-oriented culture, was emotionally charged and did not really clarify my true thoughts. It came out of a deep concern for the rapid increase in the number of rapes and as a result of its

having been called to my attention by a newsman concerning a 12-year-old girl who had been raped by several men and who the doctors said may be a psychological invalid for life. I said at that press conference, 'Whatever penalties society may impose for crime against the person, they should be administered fairly, objectively, equally, and swiftly to all, without regard to race or wealth.'

"It is interesting that the thought of castration for some people stirs a far more violent reaction than the idea of rape itself. Perhaps this is a part of our permissive society's sickness.

"The Bible teaches that all men will one day appear before the Judgment Throne of God where perfect justice, untainted by the sin and error of man, will be meted out by a just and merciful God. This justice of God will be administered with a severity that is greater than the mind of man to imagine and this justice of God will be administered also with a mercy that is beyond the mind of man to imagine.

"Ultimately, the answer to controlling crime is not to mount a legal offensive, but to effect a change of heart. This is the miracle produced by faith in Christ. My recent world trips only strengthen my conviction that our nation's future is hinged irrevocably to a spiritual renewal."

The Convention President Speaks

Last week, March 26-April 1, it was my privilege to be with the President of our Convention Board in a revival. Of course, Bob Hamblin has been my friend for sometime and Tupelo is my home county seat. This was a delightful experience in every way for me, but that is not worthy of the space allotted me. I want to share with you the spirit of the man who leads in this capacity. Few people I have ever known gives evidence of love for God like Dr. Hamblin does. His devotion to the Lord is evidenced in the love his people have for him. Perhaps if I share with you one endeavor, you will better understand what I am trying to communicate to you. The first of the week, he asked God to give him the opportunity to witness to thirty lost people during the week. At the end of that week, he testified he was privileged to fulfill the desire. Most of these made public professions of faith during the week and were baptized on Sunday evening, April 1.

As has been emphasized from time to time, this is a year of special focus on evangelism. If all our people would take lesson from this great man of God, many more people would be God's children at the end of this year. In my experiences, no method is as effective as personal evangelism. Let each of us resolve to do more about telling the wonderful story of Jesus. — David Grant.

Running up hill and running down people are both bad for the heart.

Joe Barber Accepts Post As MC Business Vice-President

The Mississippi College Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of Joe H. Barber, Jr., of Columbus, as vice-president for business affairs, effective with the summer session.

Barber, currently comptroller at Mississippi State College for Women, will be replacing the retiring Laney M. Lanier, business manager at the college since 1953.



Barber as manager of the Mississippi College business office from October 1950 to June 1952.

He was business manager at the New Orleans Baptist Seminary from June, 1952, to August, 1957, when he joined MSCW.

A native of Harpersville, Barber received his bachelor of science degree from Mississippi State University cum laude in 1950. His major was accounting.

He has done graduate work at MSU and at the University of Omaha, where he attended a summer workshop covering accounting, budgets, personnel procedure, and the philosophy of higher education.

He has also attended the National Association of Educational Buyers' Annual Purchasing Institute, the NAEB Professional Growth of College Personnel Institute, an IBM Model 20 Management Class, a fiscal Management Seminar at St. Anselm's College in Manchester, N. H., and several other week-long seminars in various areas of business administration.

Active in the First Baptist Church of Columbus, Barber has served as a Sunday School teacher, church clerk and a member of the Board of Deacons. He was chairman of the latter group in 1971. He served as state Baptist Student Union president while in college.

In civic interests, Barber has occupied positions of leadership in the Columbus Lions Club and was president of the club in 1964. He is a member of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Directors of the Columbus Band Boosters.

The new vice-president is married to the former Betty Renshaw of Tupelo and they are parents of two girls and a boy.

Calvary, Pascagoula To Present Easter Musical Drama

Calvary, Pascagoula's Dramatic and Musical Department will present a "Musical Passion" Drama at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 15. The production will depict live scenes of the trial, crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of our Lord.

This is another of Calvary's original dramatic musicals. The script was written by Mrs. Laurie Burkes, and music by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Byron Mathis. The Dramatic Committee chairman is Mrs. Mary Weaver and the props man is Billy Hallmark.

Mill Park Invites Convention-Goers

Mill Park Baptist Church, located at S. E. 117th Ave. and Market Street in Portland, Oregon, invites all pastors and messengers to attend a special service with them on Sunday morning, June 10. Visitors will see "Northwest missions in action." Bus transportation will be provided if there is sufficient need, states Rev. Audye M. Wiley, pastor.

Backyard Bible Club Materials Available

NASHVILLE — Backyard Bible Club materials, developed by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School board, will be available May 1 in Baptist Book Stores.

These new curriculum materials are to provide well-prepared helps and attractive teaching aids for churches conducting Backyard Bible Clubs. According to Harold Marsh, supervisor of the extension activities section of the Sunday School department, "An estimated 50,000 children, grades 1-6, attended such clubs sponsored by Southern Baptist churches in the summer of 1972."

The "Backyard Bible Club Teacher's Book" is a 52-page, spiral-bound manual, 12 x 17 inches. This book is a teacher's manual, resource kit and picture set all in one piece.

Series Eight - - -

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The complete schedule follows: Ingomar Baptist Church, New Albany; First, Batesville; First, Greenwood; First, Yazoo City; Church of the Holy Spirit, Decatur; Easthaven, Brookhaven; Highland, Laurel; First, Ocean Springs.

Each week will be filled with recreation, including foreign and home missionary speakers, study of missions in various sections of the world, swimming and other recreation, crafts, cookouts, vespers, campfire services, and many more activities.

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Andrews



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Skelton

Bus Evangelism - - -

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Tupelo at the Harrisburg Baptist Church.

Team 2 will be composed of Bryant Cummings, Sunday School Department and Dr. Eugene Skelton, Sunday School Department, of Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee and will be meeting on April 30 in Jackson at the McDowell Road Baptist Church and May 1 in Greenville at the First Baptist Church.

Team 3 will be led by Tom Douglas, Sunday School Department and Rev. James Andrews, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama and will be meeting on April 30 at Main Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg and on May 1 in Grenada at the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

These area bus clinics are directed specifically for pastors and church staff members, ministers of outreach and evangelism, Sunday School officers and teachers, bus captains and co-captains, teenage assistants, bus drivers, church worship leaders and supervisors of bus maintenance.

Each evening's program will engage in such features as how to start a bus ministry, enlisting the riders, reaching the parents of bus riders, latest material in bus outreach — evangelism, selecting the routes, training the workers, children's worship services, practical help for your bus ministry and other phases of bus ministry.

Summer Camps At Garaywa

Summer camps for GAs and Acteens are only a few weeks away, and registrations are being received in the WMU Office daily. The dates for camps this year are:

June 11-16—GA Camp
June 18-23—Acteens Camp
June 25-30—GA Camp
July 2-7—GA Camp
July 9-14—GA Camp
July 16-21—GA Camp
July 23-28—Acteens Camp
July 30-August 4—GA Camp
August 6-11—GA Camp

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Baptists, Catholics, Jews, Urge Grass Roots Dialogue

By Tim Nicholas

NASHVILLE (BP)—Religious leaders cannot be caught fiddling while Rome, Jerusalem, and Nashville burn, a Catholic priest said here in concluding remarks at the first Catholic, Jewish, and Baptist trilogue in history.

Edward Flannery, director of the secretariat for Catholic-Jewish relations for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, added, "The youth of this nation are turning to transcendentalism and humanism for answers, but not to any of us."

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, said he wants dialogue among the three faiths to continue because "How can you love me when you don't know what hurts me?"

M. Thomas Starks, secretary of the department of interfaith witness of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and representative of the trilogue's third sponsoring agency, reminded participants that they need to continue to develop a "non-judgmental evangelism."

Starks presented a resolution signed by the Southern Baptist trilogue participants calling on Southern Baptists to "combat overt and subtle anti-semitism and to confess past guilt in stereotypical thinking, exploitative evangelistic techniques, political practices legislating against Jews, and references to Jews as Christ-killers."

The resolution also encouraged lay Jewish-Baptist dialogue at the local level and cooperative acts of human ministry by both Jews and Baptists. Participants held talks on "the meaning of the crisis of faith," racial and social justice, and a roundtable discussion of Key 73, a national interfaith evangelistic thrust, where the consensus was to "express caution and hope that Key 73 will avoid offending the religious heritage of non-Christians."

The last discussion presented views of "the Messianic hope in Christian and Jewish traditions."

A declaration of the trilogue symposium stated: "We hope that such meetings can continue at the

BR Editor To Appear On IMPACT

Dr. Joe Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, will appear on IMPACT Sunday, April 15. IMPACT is a weekly telecast sponsored by Parkway Church, Jackson, and is seen on WJTV Channel 12 at 4:00 p.m.

In the interview with Winford Hendrix, Dr. Odle will discuss the purpose of the Baptist Record and the challenge of communicating the Gospel in a secular society. Closely related to the interview will be a brief message by Dr. Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway.

In addition to the guest appearance of Dr. Odle, Mrs. Kathy McNair, assistant to the director of Church Music for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will also be a part of the telecast. Mrs. McNair will open the program with a presentation of a medley of songs related to the grace of Christ.

Portland Hotels - - -

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that most of the hotels in Portland are small compared to some other major convention cities in the nation.

There also are a large number of block reservations for rooms, scheduled during the Portland convention, he pointed out.

Stringer urged those who plan to attend the convention, but who do not yet have accommodations, to write to either himself or to Hood, and indicate if they would be willing to stay in a private home. If a preference for a hotel or motel is indicated, that request will be honored if any rooms do become available through cancellation, Stringer said.

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grass roots level. In this way we hope to challenge effectively and forcefully the creeping secularization of American society.

"We call for a recommitment to social consciousness and social action by religious groups in America. Specifically we call for religious leaders to come together in all cities as a coalition of concern on social issues."

The declaration also applauded the reported easing of the "education tax" inhibiting the exodus of Soviet Jews to Israel, asked for establishment of a rating system by the media for television movies, and "finally, we declare war on the greatest sin of all — despair. Working together, with the help of God, we believe we can build a world fit for human beings to live in."

The three-day trilogue was sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee and the Interreligious Affairs Department of Interfaith Witness of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Junior-Junior High Music Camp Planned At Blue Mountain

To meet the music needs of an often overlooked age-group a music camp is planned for youngsters grades 4 through 9, June 18-22, at Blue Mountain College. Special attention will be given to the changing voice. In addition to choral singing, classes are scheduled in songleading, sight-singing, music theory, handbells, and hymn playing. Recreational activities each afternoon include swimming, tennis, softball, and basketball.

Dr. Stanley Richison, dean of music, Blue Mountain College, will serve as choral director. Noxie Taylor, minister of music, First Church, Louisville, is coordinator.

Rooms will be available in the dormitory and meals will be served in the college cafeteria. Each camper will provide his own towels and linens.

Registration begins at 2 p.m. Monday. Total cost is \$27.00. This includes lodging, meals, and music packet. An advance registration fee of \$3.00 will apply on the total cost. One older sponsor is required for each 10 girls and each 10 boys.

SPECIAL FEATURE FOR MINISTERS OF MUSIC: A workshop on the changing voice (cambata) is scheduled for June 21-22 at Blue Mountain College. The workshop will begin by observing a demonstration choir on Thursday evening, June 21, and continue with discussion and lecture on Friday morning. This workshop is primarily for ministers of music who cannot bring their choirs. Dr. Richison is an authority on the changing voice. His doctoral study was in this area of concentration.

Rooms are available in the dormitory and meals in the cafeteria. Cost is \$5. Nearby motels are also available. Advance registration fee is \$3 which will apply on total cost.

The camp and workshop are jointly sponsored by the Music Department, Blue Mountain College, Stanley Richison, Dean, and the Church Music Department, Miss. Baptist Convention Board, Dan C. Hall, director.

Registration deadline for camp or workshop is June 1.

To register, send the number of girl campers and boy campers, the number of men sponsors and women sponsors to attend with their names and addresses, also the name of the church music director, name of church and church address.

Mail to Dr. Stanley Richison, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Ms. 38610.

Science is now progressing so rapidly that it is discovering various cures for diseases that don't exist.

Many people hope to be elected to heaven who are not even running for the office.

A woman's instinct tells her she is right, whether she is or not.

Southern Baptists To Produce "Dale Evans Show" For TV

FORT WORTH (BP) — Dale Evans, known as "Queen of the West" and wife of movie star Roy Rogers, will be the host on a new television talk show to be produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

Filming on "The Dale Evans Show" is slated to begin in Hollywood in May, using a homelike setting, similar to the one in which Dale Evans and Roy Rogers live in Apple Valley, Calif.

"I've been thinking about such a show ever since I did the Mike Douglas Show about three years ago," Miss Evans said. "I enjoy meeting people, getting to know them and exchanging ideas with them. So I was thrilled when the Radio-TV Commission approached me."

Plans call for the show to seek to appeal to believers and non-believers alike in "essentially a Christian talk show," Miss Evans said. "This show will be an excellent opportunity to bring the whole spectrum of the American way of life into spiritual focus."

"We plan to present guests who may be sometimes controversial, who will have very definite opinions, and who will be able to express these opinions clearly," she said.

"We will deal with serious subjects which can stand in - depth probing," including such topics as law and order, marriage, welfare, racial discrimination, obscenity, abortion, sports, etc.

"I expect to have guests from the medical profession, lawyers, writers, politicians, athletes, and possibly even people who are not celebrities but who have given unselfishly of themselves to other people," she added.



Dale Evans, movie star and author of a number of devotional books, was a recent visitor to the Radio and Television Commission, to discuss the TV show she will do for them. She was entertained during her visit by Dr. Paul M. Stevens, (seated) Commission president, and Tim Penland (center) of the Commission's television department, who will produce the show. — Radio-TV Commission Photo by Rachel Colvin

New Prayer Amendment Bill Introduced

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"extensive consultation with constitutional authorities from both the Library of Congress and the academic community."

"It is the opinion of these experts," the Pennsylvania lawmaker said, "that the words 'nondenominational' and 'meditation' confuse the question at hand, and that inclusion of this language will only serve to diminish chances for ultimate passage of the school prayer amendment."

He said this opinion is based on these considerations: "First, 'nondenominational' is a word not easily defined in legal terms. To find a truly nondenominational prayer would require legal contortions."

"Second, 'meditation' is not currently prohibited by the Supreme Court," he said. "Meditation, and even some student-sponsored prayer sessions, are permitted around the nation."

"But that is not the issue at hand," Sen. Schweiker said. "What we are concerned with is returning truly voluntary prayer to the classroom."

He noted that three school prayer resolutions already introduced in the Senate, in addition to his earlier measure, all provide for "nondenominational" prayer.

"Thus, the joint resolution we introduce today provides a clear alternative to those previously introduced," he said. "It is my hope," he continued, "that the sponsors and supporters of those other resolutions will now unite behind the 'voluntary prayer' language in this new resolution."

The senator pointed out that when the House of Representatives voted on a prayer amendment in November 1971, the word "voluntary" was substituted for the word "nondenominational."

"If we are to achieve ultimate passage of the school prayer amendment," he said, "it must be approved by both the Senate and the House, the President, and the legislatures of three-fourths of the states."

The only difference between his proposal and that introduced and brought to a vote in the House in 1971 by Rep. Chalmers P. Wylie (R-Ohio) is that Sen. Schweiker's measure specifically mentions "public schools" in addition to "public buildings," while the Wylie measure included only "public buildings," he said.

(Mr. Wylie reintroduced his prayer amendment resolution Feb. 8; it is identical to his 1971 measure except that it calls for "voluntary prayer" and not "or meditation," as was the case in 1971 when the measure failed to secure the necessary two-thirds vote.)

Sen. Schweiker said that while there was only a "subtle difference" between the two resolutions, his "leaves no room for doubt about the legislative intent of the resolution."

The Schweiker measure reads: "Nothing contained in this Constitution shall prohibit the several states and the District constituting the seat of government of the United States from providing for voluntary prayer in the public schools of that jurisdiction, nor shall it abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled in any public building to participate in voluntary prayer."

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Mississippi Baptists Called To Prayer

On page one of this issue of the Baptist Record is the announcement of the forthcoming retirement of Dr. Hudgins, as Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The five year ministry of this outstanding leader, who has contributed so much to Baptist life in Mississippi and far beyond, is scheduled to close during the sessions of the state convention next November.

In making the announcement concerning the retirement plans the Executive Committee of the Convention Board, at the same time issued a call for prayer for the board and its executive committee in the choice of a successor to Dr. Hudgins. The executive

committee has been assigned the responsibility of seeking the new leader and recommending him to the board. For such a tremendous task the committee desires the prayers of all Mississippi Baptists. A week of prayer later this month has been suggested.

The committee also has offered some suggestions on other things Baptists of the convention can do in helping them find the new secretary. We suggest that you read carefully the entire committee statement which is printed in this issue of the Record. We also suggest that you begin now to pray earnestly and regularly for this committee.

At the proper time the Baptist Rec-

ord will give full recognition to the ministry of Dr. Hudgins, and to his retirement. For the present we simply urge all of our churches to give the finest possible support to his leadership during these closing months of his work, so that this can be one of the best, if not the very best, of all the convention's years of activity.

A Time To Share

Elsewhere in this issue of the Record is found a call from Dr. Hudgins for those who would like to do so to make gifts to be used in providing assistance for the victims of the tragic floods which have plagued our state for the past several weeks.

A number of our churches have been hit by the rising waters, several pastors have had large losses, and great numbers of members in the churches have suffered severe damage to their homes and property. While there will be some assistance from government sources, we are sure that these will not begin to match the losses or meet the needs of our suffering friends.

Those of us who are more fortunate, certainly can share with our neighbors in their time of distress and need. We hope that churches all over the state will respond to Dr. Hudgins' appeal, and that offerings will be taken in many churches. Thousands of dollars are needed right now, and Mississippi Baptists can supply some of them, without too much personal sacrifice. And if it does require sacrifice, that will make the giving even more blessed.

Let the special offerings be made to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, marked "Flood Relief" and sent immediately to the convention offices at Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205. The need is now so action should come now.

"Death Of American Church"

According to RNS (Religious News Service) a leader at the meeting of the Consultation on Church Union, held in Memphis last week, said that if the Consultation (COCU) is dead, "it is the death of the American church."

Dr. George Beasley, a Disciples of Christ executive from Indianapolis, is reported to have made that statement at a news conference at the beginning of the COCU meeting.

This denominational leader must have a very low estimate of the condition of the "American church" as he calls it. He must feel that it is in a very frail condition. COCU is participated in by only eight of the more than 200 denominations in America, and some of the largest denominational groups (e.g. Southern Baptists) are not involved in it. To state that if these eight denominations fail in their ecumenical efforts it means the death of the "American church" is too absurd to be given serious consideration.

It may be that the "churches" involved in COCU are becoming so weak

that they may die if they cannot get together in the proposed union, but we do not believe even that. With as many problems as they are having, we are of the opinion that the United Methodist, the Episcopalians and the others involved in these talks, will continue to live, even if the talks fail to accomplish union.

COCU has been having serious problems, and those who have been urging this ecumenical union, face a strong possibility of failure. Whether, however, it succeeds or fails, will have little effect on the real vital life of the "church in America." Despite all that the proponents have claimed for it, the COCU program will not be the determinant of the future of American churches. The movement can fade away, and some of the participating denominations even can die, but the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ in America will continue to flourish. They have the promise of the Lord himself that they will be here until he comes again. We are depending upon that promise, and not on the fading dreams of some ecumenists.



Thwarted

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Blessitt In Africa

Dear Friends:

Just a note to say I'm in West Africa now. I arrived in Sierra Leone at Freetown, February 16. I spent 10 days there leading groups in witnessing, preaching at rallies, and speaking in schools. Oh, a great awakening God is sending there. I have now walked with the cross 130 miles into the Bush to Bo. All along the way, in every village, the whole place turns out to see the man with the cross! Glory. I then preach. I have a young African man who drives the land rover and interprets to the people my sermon. I am preaching all day. At night crowds gather around hungry to hear about Jesus until I fall asleep! Oh, it is fabulous.

God is truly using me in Africa. I now leave to walk to Monrovia in Liberia. I will arrive there about the 22nd or 23rd of March. You may know the President, Dr. Tolbert. If so, would you contact him or some of the Southern Baptist missionaries there? Your letter to the missionary in Spain was a real help there. I am keeping a daily diary. It reads like the Book of Acts! Glory.

Sherry and the children are in England. I think they will join me in July on the Ivory Coast. Truly the world is ripe. Oh, how I would love to tell our churches and people at home to hear the voice of people crying in darkness and go forth with the light of the world.

The heat is terrific and the living condition are very hard, but the effort is worth it. It is going to be a long walk, about 4,000 miles from Freetown to Pretoria. It was a long way from Hollywood - New York - Washington - London - Glasgow - Belfast - Dublin - Paris - Madrid - Lisbon - Rabat - Las Palmas - Freetown, about 7,000 miles. A trail of revivals and blessings. So I go on. Give my love to everyone.

Arthur Blessitt
Sierra Leone, Africa

New York Mission Needs Green Stamps

Dear Sir:

I am a member of a mission in New York that is not even one year old. Already we have seven Sunday School classes and hope to add another one soon. We have a Children's Choir and a Youth Choir. Hopefully, by the end of April we will have a Men's Quartet and a Ladies' Trio. Our Baptist Women's group is beginning to reach out into the community with outreach ministries.

It is our hope to begin a large youth program during the summer months. We would appreciate it very much if you would ask your readers to send us their S & H Green Stamps. We plan to buy recreational equipment with the stamps and also equipment for the mission.

As a former Mississippi Baptist from Hattiesburg, I felt I could call on Mississippi Baptists for help.

Our mission is the Bellewood Baptist Chapel and is located in North Syracuse, New York. Dr. Charles Sharp, a former faculty member of East Texas Baptist College, is the pastor and has been on the field since January.

The stamps may be sent to me at my home address.

Thank you so very much for your assistance. We would greatly appreciate your prayers as we seek to serve God in Pioneer Missions.

Charlotte Constable
(Mrs. Richard A.)
113 Patricia Lane
North Syracuse, N. Y.

Also, the budget contains no funds for general support to institutions of higher education, which was authorized in the omnibus higher education law enacted last year. It does contain \$622 million this year and \$959 million in the next fiscal year to launch the new program of Basic Opportunity Grants to postsecondary students, also authorized by the 1972 law.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

I don't believe in Mt. Fuji anymore. I think the Japanese just made it up. Whoever heard of spending two weeks in Japan and not seeing Mt. Fuji or cherry blossoms? I have. That's who.

Back in the summer of 1970 when we went to the Baptist World Alliance and visited with my sister and her family in Tokyo, we looked every day for two weeks for Fuji; we even drove on what is supposed to be its base, and I looked everywhere and never did see it.

They (everybody who does believe in Mt. Fuji) told me it was up there under cloud cover, but I wasn't taken in by their propaganda. Still, my sister keeps trying to convince me — she even bought me a picture of it. I don't believe in Mt. Fuji anymore.

But you know what? My disbelief has absolutely no bearing on Mt. Fuji's existence. It does not depend on my believing it or on my proving it. It really is there, no matter what I think. (And I really do believe it is there, even though I did go to Japan at the wrong time of the year to see Fuji, unless a typhoon came and blew away the cloud cover. Since that was about the only alternative, I chose to be content, though sad, not to see the great mountain.)

God's existence is equally as independent of human belief and proof. Demanding proof of God before believing is a bit inconsistent with human behavior. Every day we look around in luxuries and conveniences caused by technological achievement which one-tenth of one percent of us could no more prove than scat, but we accept them and enjoy them.

If I had to wait until I proved that the medicine I take every day helps my body control my mild case of diabetes, I would develop into a complete invalid with a very poor prognosis. But I don't wait. I take the medicine and follow (most of the time) other relatively simple measures and enjoy good health. That's proof enough for me.

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Mt. Fuji is there. I failed to see her because I was in Japan during the hot summer season when she really is covered with clouds, and nobody sees her. I have not been in the right place at the right time to see Mt. Fuji, but she's there.

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Laziness is a good deal like money; the more a man has of it the more he seems to want.

The average person probably hasn't stored up enough treasure in heaven to make the down payment on a harp.

The most essential element in any home is God.

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NEWEST BOOKS

Convention Press Releases Guides For Summer Youth Programs

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM ACTIVITIES compiled and edited by George W. Knight (Convention Press, 191 pp., paper, looseleaf notebook form).

The purpose of this material is to list and describe a number of suggested activities that may be included in a church's summer youth program. It is full of varied ideas for recreation, Bible study activities, music activities, mission activities, and ministry activities.

PASTOR'S GUIDE FOR A SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM, 1973 by Brooks R. Faulkner (Convention Press, looseleaf notebook form, 95 pp.).

The purpose of this guide is to enable the pastor to give guidance to the worker or director in a summer youth program. It includes instructions to the pastor on how to find, train, and guide the youth worker. Also, a church staff member other than the pastor assigned the responsibility of guiding a summer youth worker will be able to use this material to guide.

A SYMPOSIUM ON CREATION IV edited by Donald W. Patton (Baker, paper 159 pp., \$2.95) The fourth in a series of volumes by outstanding scientific writers who also are Bible believing Christians. This volume deals with such subjects as the flood, the blood, creationist botany, the origins of civilization, the ice age and others. All of these volumes have been most valuable as they present modern scientific theories in the light of history and biblical revelation.

THE MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM by Robert E. Coleman (Revell, paper, 126 pp., \$1.50) A new edition of a book which already has sold more than 140,000 copies, deals with the master, the Lord Jesus Christ as the one who shows us the way of evangelistic witness, seeks to search out how Christ won men and how he taught men to win others. Each chapter deals with one specific truth concerning his method and each is Bible based.

STUDY GUIDE TO THE MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM by R. J. Fish (Revell, pocket book, paper, 64 pp., \$.75) A study guide for use with the book *The Master Plan of Evangelism*, shows how to use the original book in learning to be an evangelistic witness.

THE PASTOR AND THE PEOPLE by Lyle E. Schaller (Abingdon, paper, 176 pp., \$2.45) The subtitle is *Building A New Partnership for Effective Ministry*, begins with a discussion of a church choosing a pastor and then shows various truths concerning the relationship of a pastor with his people.

THE MORAL ALTERNATIVE TO SOCIALISM by Irvin E. Howard (Citizens Evaluation Institute, paper, 217 pp., \$4.25) The author shows that every form of socialism is immoral and that the only answer to it

is spiritual. He says that the world's hope is to recapture the basic moral values of the Biblical faith so that our young people will have this base upon which to build. In this day when there are so many false claims for socialism and so many attacks upon the things which have made our own nation what it is, it is good to find an analysis which reveals the truth concerning these things.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING AND OCCULTISM by Dr. Kurt E. Koch (Kregel, 338 pp., paper, \$4.50) A practical theological and systematic investigation of present day developments in the field of the occult. This is professional material dealing with actual cases. It should be very helpful to pastors called upon to counsel with disturbed people.

THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT by Robert I. Kahn (Word, 94 pp., \$2.95) The subtitle is *Contemporary Biblical Ethics*. A Jewish Rabbi who ministers to a congregation in Houston, Texas discusses modern ethical issues concerning such questions as sex, the marketplace, neighbors, ecology, crime, government, and others. The author gives the Hebrew based point-of-view as seen from the Old Testament laws on each of these issues which face us in modern life.

SATAN ON THE LOOSE by Nicky Cruz (Fleming H. Revell, 158 pp., \$3.95) Nicky Cruz who became known around the world because of the fact that he is the one dramatically converted as told in the *Cross and the Switchblade*, presents his own terrifying experiences with the devil and tells why he believes that Satan is on the loose in our society. Out of his own experiences he tells how the Christian can meet modern demon and satanic attacks.

BLACK SECTS AND CULTS by Joseph R. Washington, Jr. (Doubleday, 176 pp., \$5.95) A study of the religious influences in the life of modern Black-Americanism. The author who is a professor at the University of Virginia discusses the religious experience from Pentecostalism, Sanctified Holiness, through Baptists, Methodists and such, to the followers of Father Divine, Daddy Grace, and other such leaders. He shows what the cults and other religious groups have meant and do mean in the lives of the blacks.

GOD IN ACTION by Chuck and Winnie Christensen (Harold Shaw Publishers, paper, 127 pp., \$1.45) A study guide to the gospel of Mark presents facts concerning each section of the text and provides workbook space for writing answers. Suggested for neighborhood student and church groups.

DON'T CALL ME PREACHER by Phil Barnhart (Eerdmans, paper, 117 pp., \$1.95) Experiences of a preacher who became pastor of a United Methodist Church in a community which changed from all white to all black in two years. A handful of members were left with \$100,000 of indebtedness. This

is the story of how a church kept its doors open to minister to a neighborhood.

THE SEARCH FOR THE TWELVE APOSTLES by William Steuart McBirnie (Tyndale, pocket book, paper, 312 pp., \$1.25) A new study of the Lord's twelve apostles and their widespread missionary activities. Much research has gone into the book and this is not merely an ordinary commentary of what is found in the Bible. The author has examined traditions and historical material concerning these men, seeking to give a full picture of them. This should be very helpful to those interested in seeking to know the twelve men whom our Lord chose.

On The MORAL SCENE...

The belief that housing subsidies primarily benefit the poor is false and Anthony Downs, senior vice president of Real Estate Research Corp. of Chicago, makes a simple test to prove it. "How many of you own homes?" he asked the 28-member Mayor's Working Review Committee on Housing. Most held up their hands—as did many in the audience. "How many of you deduct your mortgage interest when making out your income tax form?" Downs asked. All those who had held up their hands saying they owned homes put them in the air again to signify they took advantage of the tax deduction. Downs smiled. He had made his point. "The single largest housing subsidy in the U. S. today is the federal income tax savings received by homeowners," he said. (The Cincinnati Post, February 2, 1973)

EDUCATION...what's happening

President Nixon sent Congress a \$268.7 billion budget January 29 that called for phasing out the following programs of interest to higher education:

Interest subsidies on academic facilities and college housing loans; college teacher fellowships; aid to college, school and public libraries; language and area studies; university community service; supplemental opportunity grants (formerly called educational opportunity grants); new capital contributions to the National Direct Student Loan fund; undergraduate teaching equipment; aid to land-grant colleges; environmental education; social work training programs; Hill-Burton hospital construction grants; regional medical and community mental health centers programs; training grants of the National Institutes of Health and National Institute of Mental Health; capitation grants to schools for veterinarians, optometrists, podiatrists, pharmacists, and nurses; and institutional support for schools of public health and allied health.

A Call To North American Baptists

By Kenneth L. Chafin
Pastor, South Main Church
Houston, Texas

Baptists of North America desperately need to learn to work together. The most likely area for successful cooperation will be evangelism. While the different Baptist groups vary in size, organizations, and method of operation, they are all evangelical in theology and evangelistic in practice.

"Key 73" represents the most immediate call to evangelism. Two Baptists, Carl F. H. Henry and Billy Graham, were instrumental in stimulating an interest in the idea of evangelicals of all denominations joining together for some great evangelistic effort. As a result, more than one hundred and fifty denominations, groups, and organizations have joined hands for the year of 1973 under the theme, "Calling Our Continent To Christ." In this emphasis most of the standard objections to interdenominational participation have been eliminated. First, the purpose is unashamedly evangelistic. Second, there is no permanent structure. Third, each group is free to decide what it will do on its own and what it will do in cooperation with others. Baptists who have been joining with other groups on legislative issues must welcome the opportunity to work with these same groups on the number one task of the church: evangelism.

The Baptist World Alliance call to the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Christ represents an even stronger stimulus for the Baptists of North America. It is a call to world evangelism. The report came out of a subcommittee of the Commission on Missions and Evangelism. The original wording was "A Call to World Evangelism." The wording was changed but the intent was not. It represents the very best opportunity the Baptists of North America have had to work and pray together for a common cause.

Under the leadership of Joseph Underwood and several area coordinators, the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Christ is causing great excitement. In a meeting with representatives from various areas in the Summer of 1972 an entire session was devoted to hearing reports. The consensus was that God was using the call from the Baptist World Alliance to precipitate new interest and excitement in many countries of the world. Of all the areas, North America has the greatest potential and opportunity; but it is also having the most difficulty in getting meaningful participation.

Before Baptists of North America can have the involvement they need, they must face realistically some of the barriers. First, there is the barrier of size and diversity. Almost ninety percent of the Baptists of the world live in North America. Of the 31 million in the Baptist World Alliance more than 27 million of them are in North America. These groups vary in size from 5308 in the Seventh Day Baptist Conference to 11,498,613 in the Southern Baptist Convention. Some of these conventions have not a single employee while others have sophisticated boards and agencies. Size and diversity make the sharing of information, the generation of enthusiasm, or the organization of programs very difficult.

Second, there is the barrier of race. Each of the Baptist conventions in North America has a predominant racial group. Three of the great conventions having more than ten million members are mainly Negro. Two of the smaller groups have strong Northern European and Scandinavian ties. The other groups are mainly Anglo. Great strides have been made in race relations, but there is still some reservation among leaders and laity

in every group to forming alliances which are deeper and larger than race. But more and more, the reasons for our togetherness outweigh the reasons for our separateness.

Third, there is the barrier of organization. The North American Baptist Fellowship was formed as the North American branch of the Baptist World Alliance to give a tool for a regional expression. After more than a decade every indication is that this has not yet been taken seriously. First, not all of the conventions which were in the Baptist World Alliance joined the North American Baptist Fellowship. Second, the budget of \$8,600 for the year does not suggest anything but tokenism in our effort to mobilize the Baptist of North America. Third, the meetings which are held as essentially fellowship and sharing in nature and not geared to the planning or implementing of an emphasis. Unless the Baptists of North America will take a serious look at the nature of the North American Baptist Fellowship and their commitment to it, very little will be done by it.

The World Mission of Reconciliation Through Christ will mean something when the Baptists of North America, individually and corporately begin to issue some calls themselves:

1. Let the elected presidents of the various Baptist conventions call themselves together for a day of prayer and discussion. These are great men of God, of proven leadership ability, who could issue a call to this continent which would be heard.

2. Let the counterparts in the different groups, many of whom already know each other, seek each other out to think and to pray and to share. There are executive secretaries, publishing houses, men's and women's groups, workers with students, college and seminary professors, and a host of other areas that could begin working together.

3. Let the church leadership in every community begin to seek each other out. In the great cities the two racial groups which are dominant are Negro and Anglo, but the denomination which ties them together is Baptist. Baptists working together can win the cities for Christ.

4. Let the Baptists from the other areas of the world call upon Baptists of North America to participate with them in common projects throughout the world. There are great resources in funds and people which could be used in enlarging the witness around the world. The sharing will be a two-way street to the benefit of all.

5. Let every Baptist everywhere call upon God to move among us, to draw us closer together, and to send us out in love to share the good news about Jesus Christ with the whole world.

(Editor's note) At the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo, Japan, in July of 1970, the following proposal was adopted:

"The Twelfth Baptist World Congress, convened in Tokyo, Japan, hereby issues a call and invitation to

the churches of the various Baptist conventions and unions to participate in a World Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ expressed through such cooperative enterprises and evangelism, with the clear understanding that each national or regional Baptist body will be completely free to determine the nature and expression of the Mission of Reconciliation expressed through this cooperative endeavor, adopting and adapting such materials, methods, schedules, etc., as may be determined and dictated by their own needs, denominational programs and calendars, or political and social circumstances.

"Let a period of time, preferably beginning in 1973 and culminating at the time of the 1975 Congress, be set aside as a period of special effort in evangelism and missions as a means of reconciliation through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

"The Executive Committee, utilizing the services of its Administration Committee and the Commission on Evangelism and Missions, and seeking the full cooperation of the various mission boards and societies, Sunday School Boards, Commissions on Christian and other appropriate denominational agencies, is hereby charged with the responsibility of developing the necessary organization, procedures, scheduling and calendaring, finance, etc., to implement this call and invitation on behalf of the Congress and the Baptist World Alliance." — From The Baptist Review, Houston.



Ann Marie and Jackie receive a garland from an Indian lady. Dr. E. J. Daniels is in background.



Rev. Elven Fairchild of Moselle participates in the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the New Christian School in Kota Rajasthan, India.

Daniels Team Visits India

Ann Marie, ventriloquist, and her father, Rev. Elven Fairchild, gospel magician from Moselle, Ms., are members of the E. J. Daniels Evangelistic Team. This team, sponsored by "Christ for the World, Inc.," has just returned from a 21-day tour of India. Other team members on the tour, led by Dr. Daniels, were Rev. Wade Atwell of Alabama and Rev. T. W. Terrell of Louisiana.

Ann Marie says: "My heart was broken as we saw the poverty of India. There were lepers dying in the streets, thousands sleeping on the ground, and little children begging for money and food to fill their hungry little bodies. Along with their hungry bodies were hungry little hearts—hungry for love, attention, and affection. They listened eagerly as Jackie (Ann Marie's Ventriloquist's doll) told them about how Jesus loves each one of them. Jackie learned enough Hindi to tell the children of God's love in their own language and amuse them with some Hindi songs of Jesus.

"The adults enjoyed Jackie, as much as the children, but were skeptical of the white man's religion. Jackie told them that Christianity was for everyone.

"The people not only flocked to hear a little wooden-headed doll, but they also responded to the message in magic in a great way. We witnessed everywhere, on the streets, in the homes, in the schools, and at the crusades.

"Dr. P. N. Kurien, president of the All-India Prayer Fellowship, asked

Dad (Brother Fairchild) to speak to the Pastors' Conference at Delhi. Dad considered this quite an honor. Another highlight for him was speaking at the New Christian School in Rota, Rajasthan.

"The trip was very rewarding. I found India to be a beautiful and friendly place. An Indian family took me in and asked me to become their daughter. I consented and thanked them for the honor. In their home I learned something of the Indian way of life. This was one of the most enjoyable events of the whole trip.

"Dr. Kurien has invited the team back to India for area-wide crusades later this year and we plan to go. Pray for our ministry."

Dr. Kurien has visited in Mississippi and a feature story about him and his work with All-India Prayer Fellowship was printed in the Baptist Record some time ago.)

Baptist Deacon Is Killed In South Carolina Tornado

CALHOUN FALLS, S. C. (BP) — A Baptist deacon was among four persons killed when a tornado struck the Slaton's Motel here, lifting the building and dumping it in a heap on the other side of the highway.

Wallace Powell, a member of Northside Baptist Church here and former deacon who recently rotated on the deacon body, was living in the motel at the time.

California Invites Baptists To Visit On Way To Portland

Southern Baptists in California are hoping that many Baptists driving to the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon, June 12-14 will plan their routes through California.

Robert D. Hughes, executive secretary-treasurer for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, said that the many missions efforts being sponsored jointly by the California Convention and the Home Mission Board should prove to be interesting.

The California Convention also embraces Northern Nevada and represents some half-million dollars in Home Mission Board expenditures annually. Missions work is carried on with a number of ethnic groups including Spanish, Japanese, Russian, Rumanian, Chinese, Korean, and Hungarian. There are 911 churches and about 160 missions in the convention with some 267,000 members. Last year those congregations baptized more than 15,000 persons.

The Southern Baptist Convention's Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary is located in the beautiful area for which it is named. It is just north of Golden Gate Bridge

in Mill Valley and looks out over San Francisco Bay and the San Francisco Skyline.

San Francisco is truly a city where sight-seeing and missions interests can be combined, Hughes said.

So also are other areas such as Los Angeles with its Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm and San Diego with its almost tropical atmosphere and nearby Tijuana, Mexico.

Scenic beauty is to be found along the California Coast, in the Sierra Nevada range, and around Lake Tahoe between California and Nevada as well as many other areas. Within 100 miles or less of the convention

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Miss Claudine Tall'a, a graduate of the Beirut Baptist School and a member of the Musaitbeh Baptist Church, has departed for Yemen to become an employee of the Baptist hospital in Jibla. Missionaries and nationals here consider her their first missionary to that country.

The proof that experience teaches us nothing is that the end of one love affair does not prevent us from beginning another.

offices in Fresno are three noted National parks, Yosemite, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon.

The modern convention office building is located in the midst of a rapidly developing section of the fast-growing City of Fresno, which is located in the center of the fertile San Joaquin Valley. An elaborate freeway system in the state makes California an easy area for driving.

We are planning and hoping for many visitors, Hughes said.

A visitors' packet is being developed and will be sent to anyone requesting it. The packet will include information about mission sites and interesting information for sight-seeing. A simplified map will point out locations such as California Baptist College, Golden Gate Seminary, and the Convention offices. It will supplement oil company maps obtained along the way. The packet will give a brief explanation of the work in California and Northern Nevada.

The address is: Robert D. Hughes, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Box 5168, Fresno, California 93755. The phone number is (209) 229-9533.

"What About Tongues?"

by Wesley G. Ellis
Handsboro Baptist Church, Guilford

(Editor's Note: Next Sunday's Sunday School lesson (Life and Work) is on I Cor. 14. This timely article relates to the issue in that chapter.)

Much confusion is abroad in the world today about what the New Testament teaches about evidences on the Holy Spirit's presence and blessing, some teaching that there must be in the life of every Christian "a baptism with the Spirit" which is always evidenced by "speaking in tongues." However, we must keep in mind that "tongues" is not a distinctively Christian manifestation. It is practiced in many non-Christian religions of the world, past and present. It may even be used as a device of Satan to create confusion and ill will among Christians, to destroy Churches, and to detract from our central mission. Dr. V. Raymond Edman, late president of Wheaton College, gave these accounts of contemporary glossolalia in Tibet and China: "One of our Wheaton graduates who was born and reared on the Tibetan border tells of hearing the Tibetan monks in their ritual dances speak in English with quotations from Shakespeare, with profanity like drunken sailors, or in German or French, or in languages unknown. Quite recently a retired missionary of the China Inland Mission told of the same experience." Moreover, some occurrences are found in Mohammedanism. The dervishes of the region of Persia constantly utter the name of Allah, accompanied by trances, foaming at the mouth, and violent shaking of the body which lead to physical exhaustion and partial unconsciousness. They preach moral sermons during this period of ecstasy (see Edman's article, "Divine or Devilish?" in The Christian Herald, May 1964, p. 16).

Not sign

According to the teaching and illustrations in the New Testament, "tongues" does not often accompany the total surrender of one's life to the Holy Spirit (see, for example, I Corinthians 12:11 and 27-31, the example of Jesus, references in Acts where people were "filled with the Spirit" without speaking in tongues, and the testimonies of many powerful servants of the Lord who have not spoken in tongues). To say that this phenomenon always accompanies the salvation experience or a new surrender is to contradict the plain teaching of God's Word. The only clear references to "tongues" as manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit are in Acts. Instances show that the phenomenon occurred at specific times of the Lord's choosing to enable those of other languages to hear and understand the Gospel and as a divine affirmation that the Lord was overturning Jewish particularism and opening the young community to the reception of non-Jews as brothers in Christ. What about the "tongues" in Corinth, then? The occurrence there was ecstatic sounds, not languages as in Acts. Paul uses forms of the Greek verb *hermeneuo* in I Corinthians 12:10 and 14:13, 26, and 28, when he says that there must be someone present to "interpret." Dreams, visions, and other phenomenon have to be "interpreted," while languages can be "translated," a distinction which the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament make very clear (see the article by Carl G. Tuland, "The Confusion About Tongues," in Christianity Today, December 6, 1968, pp. 7-9). There is evidence

that at Corinth the Christians were experiencing an intense emotional and psychological purging of selfish in practice and Paul had to put restrictions on it.

Not important gift

This is actually one of the less important gifts of the Spirit, so restricted and subjugated in I Corinthians 12:14 that it is hardly allowed in public worship at all (although Paul says that it can "edify" the individual who practices it in private, I Cor. 14:4). The believers at Corinth practiced the gift, but the church was split into factions, a sad state which sometimes accompanies the misuse of "tongues." Paul called them "carnal" and "babies" (3:1-3) and "arrogant" (5:2), among other things. Certainly, any person who practices it can claim no spiritual superiority over those who do not. Even though Paul does not say it in so many words, the Corinthians were living "in the flesh" rather than being filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). Paul probably implies that "tongues" is a practice which disappears with spiritual maturity (I Corinthians 13:8-11).

"Speaking in tongues" is not to be required, expected, or sought as an evidence of total submission to the Holy Spirit. There is no example in the New Testament of anyone seeking "tongues," nor is this practice taught or implied. First Corinthians 12 shows that the Holy Spirit administers gifts according to God's sovereign will, not subject to man's desires. Unfortunately, some say that our salvation is not complete without it. However, the one New Testament reference approximating this idea is I Corinthians 12:13; and a close reading of it will show that Paul teaches that at the time of our conversion we were "baptized" into the Body of Christ, the church, by the Holy Spirit. An unfortunate reading of Acts 19:6 had led many to think of this as a subsequent experience. The King James translation reads, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" A correct translation reads, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" Those disciples of John had been baptized in a water baptism unto repentance in preparation for the coming of Christ, whom they did not know and whose Spirit

they had not received. The context shows that Paul then introduced them to the Gospel, they trusted Christ, and evidence was given that the Gospel had broken through another barrier in its expansion to the whole world.

Control

"Tongues" is a practice which must be controlled, both by the individual (I Cor. 14:32 in context) and by the assembled church (I Cor. 14:26, 40). Some regulations to be administered by the church are: Everything must be helpful to the church (14:26); "tongues" may be allowed only from two or three persons in the service, one at a time, and only if there is an interpreter present (14:27); a definite "message from God" (exhortation, warning, preaching) is to take priority over "tongues" (14:30); the "message from God" does not have the restrictions that must be placed on "tongues" (14:31), except that the speaker must maintain control of himself (14:32); women are not allowed to speak in "tongues" at all the public worship (14:33-35; see 11:5 for a note on women praying and speaking otherwise in public worship); and everything must be kept orderly (14:40). As noted already, Paul almost regulates "tongues" in public worship completely out of existence!

However, "tongues" occurrence remains a possibility in public worship and must not be forbidden when the Scriptural qualifications are met, for Paul says "Do not forbid speaking in tongues" (14:39). It remains a stronger possibility in the experience of Christians in private worship, but only when administered at the discretion of the Holy Spirit, not sought or artificially stimulated. "Quench not the Spirit" (1 Thess. 5:19) means that worship and "orthodoxy" must not be so regimented in the church as to destroy the freedom of the Holy Spirit to work as He wishes (1 John 3:8). He always works to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, to bring sinners to Jesus, and to unify the people of God in the love of Christ (I Corinthians 13: John 15:26; 16:12-15; 16:8-11).

Principles
Several principles should guide our attitudes toward "tongues" today:
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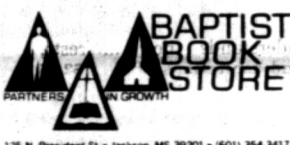
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Names In The News

Ed McDaniel, pictured, senior at New Orleans Seminary, has been elected president of the student body of the seminary. Native of Blaine, Mississippi, he is pastor of Sunrise Acres Church in Marro, La. He and his wife, Libby, have three girls, Deborah, 10, Rhonda, 8, and Cindy, 4.

Ed attended junior college at Moorhead and graduated from Delta State. He is studying for a Master of Divinity degree.



Malcolm Ray Lewis of Meridian was recently presented a certificate of license to the ministry by State Boulevard Church, Meridian. Shown presenting the license is Rev. W. A. Robinson, pastor of State Boulevard. Mr. Lewis, his wife, Sandra, and their four children reside at Rt. 2 Box 637, Meridian. He is presently serving Liberty Church in Kemper Association as interim pastor.

Rev. W. T. Dixon, Jr. has accepted the pastorate of Center Ridge Church, Yazoo County. He is a native and has pastored churches in Walthall, Hinds, Lawrence, Yazoo and Lee Counties. He goes to Center Ridge from First Church, Nettleton.

The Department of Music, Blue Mountain College, presented June Higginbottom, Sandra Strickland, and Jerry Beatty in a combined junior recital on Tuesday, April 10. All three young musicians are candidate for the Bachelor of Music degree and this recital was given by them as part of their degree work.



Dr. Charles W. Scott (left), dean of students and professor of education at Mississippi College, was presented a plaque during recent chapel ceremonies by Dr. Vernon Manna, president of the Mississippi Personnel and Guidance Association. The Association honored Dr. Scott for his 24 years of service to the group and for his leadership in promoting counseling education in Mississippi and throughout the South. (M. C. Photo by Bill Surridge.)



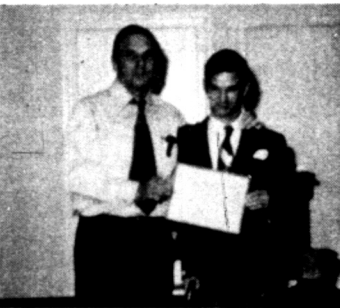
Carl Nickels has been called as associate pastor of Double Springs Church, Maben, Rev. Raymond L. Grover, pastor. Mr. Nickels is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nickels of Maben. He is married to the former Polly Crowley; they have one son, Vic, 16.

Larry Earnest is the new minister of youth and recreation at First Church, Augusta, Georgia, going from College Place church, Monroe, La. where he was minister of youth. A native of Columbus, Miss. he attended Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. While in school he served as minister of youth at First, Batesville, Miss., and in Texas. He and his wife Charlotte began their ministry with the Augusta church on March 18.

Tom Earl Prevost, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Prevost of Hazlehurst, has been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for 1972-73. Prevost is a third year master of divinity student at Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif. He is a graduate of Mississippi College.



Rev. Billy Burney, left, resigned in December, 1972, as pastor of the Ashland Church to accept the call to Scenic Hill Church in Memphis, Tennessee. His resignation took effect January 2. He had served at Ashland since 1968. In January of this year Rev. L.A. Doyle, right, a semi-retired minister from Arkansas with his wife were on the field. They had moved to Ashland to make their home. Mr. Doyle was elected interim pastor and accepted the call for three months or until the church had a pastor. He and his wife already had plans to leave the States for Costa Rica April 4 to spend a month or more with one of their missionary sons and family. Mr. and Mrs. Don Doyle, evangelistic missionaries at San Jose, Costa Rica. The church has now called Rev. Kermit Brann, Parkview Church, Jackson, Tennessee, and he will be on the field April 17 (The DoYLES have another son on the foreign mission field. L.A. Jr., and his wife are missionaries at Manaus, Brazil. Also they have a son and daughter in the States studying for the mission field, David at Ouachita University, evangelistic missionary, and Margaret at Texas Tech, missionary nurse.)



Lena (Leake): youth-led revival; April 13-15; Rev. Bert Breland, evangelist, and Paul Harper, song leader, both students from Mississippi College; Rev. H. C. Adams, pastor; services 7 p.m. Fri. and Sat.; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sun.

Two young men, members of First Church, Benndale, have surrendered to the gospel ministry and have been licensed to preach. Top photo, Rev. George Harper, pastor, left, presents a Certificate of License to Jerome Mallet. Bottom photo, Pastor Harper presents a Certificate of License to Thomas Brown. The pastor reports that the church, which was only recently constituted, has had 42 additions in the past five months. They have started a new building, and now have all the blocks needed, the windows, doors, and the slab poured. Rev. Pat McNair and his congregation from Gulfport Heights Church have given the Benndale Church \$1000 on their building fund.

Richard Caughron, a minister of the gospel for more than nineteen years, has announced his decision to enter the ministry of fulltime itinerant evangelism and Bible teaching. A native of Indiana, he was reared in Alabama and has served churches in Alabama, Delaware and Maryland. He has been actively engaged in denominational service, having served on the executive boards for two state Baptist conventions. In 1969, he preached in Trinidad, the West Indies and in South America during the "Crusade of the Americas." He has just returned from Israel where he was a featured speaker for the World Bible Conference on Evangelism in Nazareth. He can be reached at 1409 Governor's Drive, SE, Huntsville, Alabama 35801, or by calling 205-534-7225.

Arthur Middleton has joined the staff at Immanuel Church in Natchez as youth director. A full time youth program is under way. Arthur, native of Jackson, is a Junior at Mississippi College. Rev. Billy R. Thomas is pastor.

Miss Dorothy Turner, Assistant Director of Nursing in Charge of Surgery, has worked at Baptist Memorial Hospital longer than any other employee in the history of the hospital and retired April 1, after 45 years of service.

Revival Dates

Victory Sunday

Flag Chapel Church, Jackson: April 15-20; Rev. Charles Couey, pastor, Indian Springs Church, Mobile, Alabama, evangelist; Rev. Floyd Grice, minister of music from Laurel, singer; services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday; 7:30 p.m. during week; Rev. Luther Price, pastor. (Sunday, April 15, is set as "Victory Sunday," with the theme, "Reach People for Jesus," and high goals set for record-breaking attendance.)

Peach Creek Church, Como: April 13, 14, 15; services at 7:30 p.m.; revival led by a team from Delta State College BSU; William Speers, preacher; Lloyd Luncford, song leader; Sherrye Jenkins, regular church pianist, musician; Rev. Charles Everitt, pastor.

First, Florence: April 15-20; services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday; weekday services at 7:30 p.m.; Dr. James C. Taylor, professor of preaching, New Orleans Seminary, evangelist (Mr. Taylor is a native of Rankin County and was reared in Briar Hill community); Jimmy Bilbo, minister of music at First, Florence, singer; Rev. M. R. Bradley, pastor.

First Church, Leakesville: April 15-20; Sunday services, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; weekday services, 7 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Allen Webb, pastor, Ingels Avenue Church, Pascagoula, evangelist; Tom Larrimore, Jackson, music director; Rev. Van H. Hardin, pastor.

Branch Church (Scott): April 15-20; Sunday morning services at 11, lunch in the new Fellowship Hall to follow. Mon. — Fri. services at 7 p.m.; Rev. Bob Mathis, pastor, Phillipston Church near Greenwood, evangelist; Frank Stiedle, music director for Faith Church, Florence, in charge of the music; Rev. B. H. Ross, Sr., pastor.

Crestwood, Jackson: April 15-20; services at 7 p.m.; Rev. Charles Williams of Central Church, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Charles Barker, minister of music at Crestwood, song leader; Rev. Carlie Hill, pastor; Mrs. Oleta Hill, interpreter to the deaf.

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Services At The Mall

Calvary Church, Jackson, invites fellow Baptists to participate in the annual Pre-Easter Services April 16 through April 20 at the Jackson Mall Cinema. Services will begin promptly at 12 noon and end promptly at 12:30 p.m. Business men and women are urged to take their lunch hour and share in this time of spiritual fellowship.

The services will feature gospel music by two of Mississippi's most outstanding vocalists, Dr. and Mrs. Clinton Nichols, better known as Jarvis Rose Nichols. Dr. Nichols is an assistant professor of music at the University of Southern Mississippi.

A brief message will be delivered daily by the pastor of Calvary Church, Dr. Joe H. Tuten.

"What About Tongues"

(Continued from page 5)

First, we are to be cautious concerning our personal involvement in any movement which does not have the clear support of the Scriptures. Second, *Call us back to a re-study of the Holy Spirit and to a proper emphasis which we have neglected. Third, there is always the possibility that Satan may use something like this to confuse Christians and to cloud Jesus out of the sight of the lost. Fourth, Paul says, "Do not restrain the Holy Spirit; do not despise inspired messages; put all things to the test: keep what is good, and avoid every kind of evil" (I Thess. 5:19-22, TEV). Positively, let all who know Jesus Christ as Saviour confess our sins and receive the cleansing and forgiveness that He offers (I John 1:9). Let us ask that He give us the fullness of His Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13; Eph. 5:18) that we might be His witnesses. Let us rejoice in all gifts of the Spirit which are for our edification and His glory. Let us all, as brothers in Christ, endeavor to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3) (See also Clark H. Pincock and Grant R. Osborne, "A Truce Proposal for the Tongues Controversy," Christianity Today, October 8, 1971, pp. 6-8).*

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Providence (Lebanon): April 15-20; services 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mon. — Fri.; regular times Sunday; a Week of Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus; Dr. Bobby D. Box, pastor of Greenbrier Church, Arlington, Va. and formerly a translator for the American Bible Society, evangelist; Rev. Toby H. Rowell, minister of music and education at Petal — Harvey Church, singer; Dr. Jerry E. Oswalt, pastor.

Zion Hill Church, Liberty: April 13-15; those coming to lead are New Orleans Seminary students: Rev. Ronald Guy, Slidell, Louisiana, evangelist; Sidney M. Johnson, New Orleans, singer; Rev. Ray Harrison, pastor.

Center Ridge (Yazoo): Youth revival; April 18-22; evangelist: Rev. George Johnson, Jr. of Euclatubba Church in Lee County; Rev. W. T. Dixon, Jr., pastor.

North McComb Church: April 15-20; services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Emerson Tedder, Macedonia Church, Brookhaven, evangelist; Rev. Joe H. Ratcliff, pastor.

Trinity Church, Vicksburg: April 8-13; Rev. Jack Butler, pastor, Hillcrest Church, Jasper, Texas, evangelist; Wayne Ward, minister of music, Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, singer; services 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Marvin Bibb, pastor.

Broadmoor Adds Four To Staff;

Plans Two Easter Presentations



Applewhite



Makamson



Wood



Erwin

Broadmoor Church, in northeast Jackson, is experiencing a new day. Celebrating its twentieth birthday in January, the church has seen tremendous growth, from a group of thirteen concerned men and women meeting in a grocery store, to 3600 members with facilities valued in excess of two million dollars. Dr. David R. Grant who came to Broadmoor as pastor almost fifteen years ago, is president of the Miss. Baptist Convention. During the past six months, four full-time staff members have come to fill vacancies on Broadmoor's staff.

Miss Octavia Applewhite joined the staff as youth director in November. Having done her undergraduate work at Clarke College and William Carey, she graduated from New Orleans Seminary. She served as missionary in Miami, Florida one summer. Another summer was spent in European countries, getting a firsthand knowledge of those people and customs. Before coming to Broadmoor, she was youth director at First Church, Columbus.

In a very active youth program at Broadmoor, primary emphasis at the present is focused on an Easter drama, "THE BETRAYAL," involving youth and adults, and directed by Miss Applewhite. This will be presented Sunday evening, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

On January 1, Rev. Durell Makamson joined Broadmoor, as assistant to the pastor. Mr. Makamson received the BA degree from Mississippi College and the BD degree from New Orleans Seminary. His pastorates include First, Stonewall, and First, Durant. He was married to the late Marie Buford of Greenwood. His daughter, Sheryl, teaches at the Educational Center in Jackson.

Mr. Makamson has devoted much time to the development of a bus ministry at Broadmoor. In addition to a Saturday morning visitation program, a "Children's Church" has been added to the regular Sunday morning program. Although this idea was developed primarily with the children of the bus ministry in mind, all children from age four through the sixth grade are welcomed to this separate worship service, planned on the child's level. It is held simultaneously with the regular 10:50 a.m. worship service already attending.

ance has doubled! John Bewley, Director of Recreation of Broadmoor, brings the special message of the day, with laymen Kerry Grantham and Bennie Frizzell taking leading roles in the service.

Most recent additions to the staff, and completing Broadmoor's staff with their coming in February, are J. M. Wood, minister of music, and Mrs. Janet Erwin, music secretary-organist.

Mr. Wood received the BME degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, attended Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, and received the MME degree from North Texas State. He comes to Broadmoor from the Metropolitan Church of Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Wood and his wife, Gail, are the parents of two teen-agers, Gary and Rita.

On Easter Sunday evening, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Wood will direct the Adult Choir in a dramatic presentation of THE CENTURION. Assisting in the presentation of this work will be an instrumental ensemble from the Jackson Symphony. Summer plans include a Chapel Choir tour to Nebraska. This mission project will be co-sponsored by the music ministry and the youth division, and will include multiple Vacation Bible Schools and concerts.

Mrs. Janet Erwin, also an Oklahoman, has served in First Church and Immanuel Church, Tulsa, and First Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma. She has a BA degree in Religious Education. Mrs. Erwin has one son, Loren.



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Christ Is King Of Kings And Lord Of Lords

By Clifton J. Allen
Zechariah 9:9-10; John 18: 33-37
Philippians 2:5-11; Revelation 19:11-16

This lesson affirms Christ's kingship and also his servanthood. What matchless paradoxes are seen in his nature and earthly mission! He was divine and human. He was sinless but was made sin for us. He had all power but allowed himself to be bound like a defenseless criminal. He came bringing peace but died at the hands of violent men. He experienced the greatest humiliation and the greatest exaltation.

To Pilate he declared his kingship to be the very essence of his earthly mission. Paul interpreted Christ's servanthood and sufferings as a part of his eternal glory and lordship. And the writer of Revelation portrays the final victory of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The Lesson Explained THE KING OF PEACE (Zech. 9:9-10)

The brief passage chosen for study points to the coming of the messianic King to rule over the people of God and to inaugurate an era of peace. He will not come in pomp and power, after the fashion of earthly kings. Though triumphant and victorious he will come with humility and meekness, which is symbolized by his riding on an ass, the beast of peace. The writer's dramatic portrayal pointed toward, seemingly, much more than the writer understood. When Jesus came to Jerusalem at the

end of his earthly ministry, he presented himself to the nation as the King of peace, riding on an ass into the city not in glorious triumph but with humility. His power was that of righteousness and truth and love. The writers of the gospel interpreted his triumphal entry as the fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy. Jesus surely intended it to be so. He proclaimed a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. He came to earth that men might know the peace of his forgiveness of sins, also that people everywhere through the power of his reconciling love might have goodwill toward one another.

THE SELF-GIVING OF CHRIST (Phil. 2:5b-8)

This passage (vv. 5-11) is thought by many to be an early Christian hymn. Paul used the example of Jesus' humility as a basis for his appeal to Christians to have the same mind or to emulate the spirit of Jesus. Deity, humanity, humility, servanthood, humiliation, obedience, and death were all a part of the self-giving of Christ. He was in the form of God, bearing the very stamp of God, partaking of the nature and character of God — in his eternal preexistence. But he became a man. He emptied himself, not giving up his deity but changing his form, to become in the likeness of men. Thus he humbled himself to the point of the greatest humiliation, death by the shameful and brutal torture of crucifixion. He suffered like that for us he might bring us to God.

THE LORD OF GLORY (Phil. 2:9-11)

From the lowest depths, Jesus

Christ has been raised to the highest heights. His resurrection was followed by his ascension to the right hand of the Father in glory. God has given him the name above every name, the name of greatest honor and greatest meaning, the name that declares him to be the Savior of the world, the name which awakens grateful adoration among the redeemed throughout all the ages. The exaltation of Christ, established by his resurrection and ascension, really anticipates future and final fulfillment. Angels and men will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, bowing before him in recognition of his redemption and his judgment. In some meaningful way, his lordship over creation will evoke the praise of every created thing in heaven and on earth and under the earth. The majesty of his victory will be to the praise of his glory. Through the final consummation is yet to take place, all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior should rejoice in his eternal sovereignty and should bow before him in the praise of worship and in the dedication of unreserved obedience.

Truths to Live By
The Christian confession should be translated into life. — The essence of becoming a Christian, that is, a follower of Christ, is the acknowledgment of him as the Lord of life. In fact, one can become a Christian in no other way. This should impress on us that saving faith is voluntary. Calling Jesus Lord means that we accept his right to rule in our lives. We are servants of the King— His kingship does not relate to the glory and power of a world order. Hence

we are not to be concerned for acclaim by the world, for the honors and recognition of power and prestige, for the luxuries and glamour of money and secular enjoyments. If these become our concerns and goals, we are disqualified for the service of Christ. He was willing to accept the role of servant or slave. He was willing to bathe the feet of others, to touch the sores of lepers, and to be counted the friend of the lonely and rejected and wicked. He rode a humble beast rather than in a mighty chariot. And this is a good reminder for persons now who confuse expensive automobiles and fine clothes and expensive meals with involvement in the role of leadership in the church or living for Christ in the world. As a servant of the King, one must be not self-seeking, not vainglorious, not seeking an easy task, not afraid of a dangerous mission, and not unwilling to live humbly and with strict self-denial as a means to sharing more in the service of Christ. The servants of the King must never forget that their service must express the meaning of the cross.

Praise is due the King. — As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the multitudes cried out, "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord." The Pharisees resented the acclamation. But Jesus said, "If these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." His mission to the earth was God's greatest undertaking. His life among men was the world's greatest demonstration of unselfish love. His death on the cross was the victory over sin and death. He is now the Lord of glory and the Savior of the world.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

What Are Some Tests Of True Spirituality?

1 Corinthians 14
By Rev. Bill Duncan

Do you know what "glossolalia" means? Speaking in tongues is the answer. Everywhere I go I find small groups of people who believe and practice the gift of speaking in tongues. I know that this movement is growing among the major denominations. It is on college campuses and in other youth groups. There was a day when the Pentecostal groups were made fun of because of their tongue movement. But when the Episcopalians began to get concerned because of the growth within their group, Southern Baptists began to take notice.

I have a college friend who thinks that because she has spoken "in tongues" she is a better Christian than the others on her campus. This is her test of spirituality. She is not alone. Some religious groups who practice "tongues" believe that one is not saved unless he can speak in tongues. Recently in our city a preacher conducted a class in a home on "how to speak in tongues." I was told that a small group was practicing tongues in one of our finest churches of the south and the pastor was very upset.

The reason that glossolalia is so popular is that people are searching for signs or evidence of spirituality in the wrong direction. Christians do not feel that love has enough reward or recognition, so they go for those things that are spectacular. Most people who get caught up in the tongues movement do not have a sound knowledge of the scriptures. The person who wants more evidence of spirituality does not have enough faith to believe what the Bible says is true. The fourteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians is beyond our understanding because it deals with a phenomenon outside our experience. Speaking in tongues was popular in the early church. It came about when a person got worked up to an ecstasy or frenzy that poured out an uncontrollable torrent of sounds in no known language. This feeling or superiority made the tongues to be a highly coveted gift. It seems that those who possessed the gift developed a spiritual pride that was wrong. The desire to produce the tongue made some seek false hysteria.

Paul compared prophecy to glossolalia. Prophecy in this context has nothing to do with foretelling the future, and everything to do with foretelling the will and the message of God. In prophecy all could understand and all needed to know the truth. The blunt conclusion of this passage is that a Christian is better off speaking a few intelligible sentences than

to pour out a flood of unintelligible sounds in a tongue. Paul does not deny the gift of tongues but offers something much better — foretelling. A person must do everything not only under the Spirit's control but the mind as well.

All preaching or teaching must meet three tests. (1) Does it aim to build up? Does it increase a man's knowledge of Christian truth or a man's ability to live the Christian life? (2) Does it aim to encourage? People always need the encouragement of God for depression and discouragement. (3) Does it aim to comfort? The church will always have those who have been hurt from life's tests.

Our worship services must meet two broad principles. (1) Worship must not be selfish. All must be done for the sake of others. As a pastor I do not have a right to direct it according to my wishes or needs alone. Will this help everyone? Too many leaders of worship are interested in displaying their special gifts. (2) Worship must be intelligible. "In the end only what satisfies my mind can comfort my heart, and only what my mind can grasp can give strength to my life." The revelation from God must be given in a manner and language that all can understand.

Paul saw that the passion for and over-evaluation of speaking with tongues was really a kind of childish

act, the product of the desire to show off like a spoiled child. If the tongues ever had any merit it was meant for hard-hearted and unbelieving people and were in the end, ineffective to them. What would happen if someone who was not a Christian came to a meeting where everyone was pouring out a flood of unintelligible sounds as they spoke with tongues? Most likely he would think they were crazy. We need to be careful that we do not let some gift be a test of spirituality.

Some may use the title of money to be their sign of spirituality. This is a danger, that any man will associate or substitute a human effort for a real experience of Christ's presence in the life. The same danger can be associated with a manner of prayer. I once heard a person say that his friend was so spiritual, and you could tell by the sound of his voice as he prayed.

The real test of spirituality is not how a man sounds, but how he lives. If he honest? Does he love all people like he should? Does he let Christ control his whole life? I once heard a speaker say that the real test of a spiritual experience was not how high the person jumped but how straight he walked when he hit the ground. If you want to know if a person is spirit-controlled, look at his fruit. Is there fruit of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and self control?

William Carey College Given 25 Acres For Nature Center, Ecological Education

Plans for the development of a 25-acre environmental education project in the western portion of Hattiesburg have been announced today by William Carey College president, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester.

To be named the Gillespie Nature Center, the project will be located on undeveloped land bordering on South 40th Avenue. The initial gift is being made by Miss Sarah Gillespie, lifetime resident of Hattiesburg and a staff writer for the Hattiesburg American. Miss Gillespie, daughter

of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Gunn Gillespie, has stipulated that the land be kept in a natural state and that it be used by William Carey College's academic program "as a unique perpetuation in Hattiesburg of our natural resources."

Dr. David Gruchy, chairman of the department of biology of William Carey College, and Roy Hood, professor of biology, have announced plans to use the facilities for a biological field laboratory. The Carey elementary and secondary education students will also make use of the land

for nature studies and conservation field studies. Trials will be developed and the wooded tract will be given the care and planning that it needs to become the site of an effective ecological educational program. Already a bird sanctuary, the plot will be available, according to Miss Gillespie, for the use of those "who have a genuine affinity for the natural surroundings."

Miss Gillespie's father, a South Mississippi lumberman by vocation, bought the land originally in 1925. For many years he was a member and an active deacon of Hattiesburg's First Baptist Church. "It was the thinking of my mother before her recent death," commented Miss Gillespie, "that the gift of this property to William Carey College, a Baptist institution of higher learning in Hattiesburg, would be in keeping with the spirit and wishes of my father."



Freshmen Mike Palmer, pre-med student from Purvis, and Sherri Birchwell, elementary education major from Gulfport inspect with Dr. David Gruchy, Professor of Biology, William Carey College's new biological field laboratory, named the Gillespie Nature Center.

Springfield Sets Up Cemetery Fund

A perpetual memorial cemetery fund for Springfield Church, Scott County, has been established at the band of Morton. Only the interest from the fund will be used for the upkeep of the cemetery. Anyone who has loved ones there and would like to make a contribution to this fund may do so by sending it to the church treasurer.

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Ridgecrest, Jackson Schedules Cantata

The adult choir of Ridgecrest, Jackson, under direction of Thomas A. Moak, Jr., minister of music, will present "Calvary's Mountain," a cantata by Lanny Allen, on Sunday, April 15, at 5:30 p.m.

"Calvary's Mountain" is a story of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ as told by the Gospels. The cantata will be narrated by Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor. Soloists include Wayne Guber, baritone; Carolyn Ayers, soprano; Andy Miller, baritone; Henry Fergus, tenor; Jerry Sills, baritone; Terry Sills, alto and Jewel Curtis, soprano. Mrs. Jan King is organist and audio will be handled by Glen Lehner.

This is a special Easter presentation which will relay the true meaning of the saving power of Jesus Christ through his death, burial and resurrection.

North Greenwood Dedicates Sanctuary

North Greenwood Church at Greenwood dedicated their new sanctuary on Sunday, April 8, at 10:45 a.m. Open House was held from 2 until 5 p.m. and the Laurel Presbyterian Choir presented a special program of music at 7 p.m.

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First National Small Church Conference

Home Mission Board Regional Coordinator Ogrin Morris of Atlanta, former Mississippian, leads in conference in "Understanding the Community" during the first National Conference on the Small Church at Ridgecrest Conference Center. Morris was among leaders from HMB, BSSB, Brotherhood, and WMU, who met with more than 400 pastors and laymen from churches of less than 300. Therman Bryant, seated, far left, is an associate in the Cooperative Mississippi Department, MCB. (Photo by Sandy Simmons)



First Baptist Ordained In Guadeloupe

GUADELOUPE, French West Indies — Renaud Dumont has become the first Baptist here to be ordained to the ministry. Upon ordination, he succeeded Southern Baptist missionary L. Wayne Frederick as pastor of Baie Mahault Baptist Church; he had been serving as Frederick's assistant. Dumont began his pastoral training in his native Haiti. Frederick considers the ordination encouraging. Southern Baptist missionaries began work on the predominantly Catholic island in 1964.

Frederick served churches in Lee, Pontotoc, Pike and Jones counties in Mississippi before he and his wife were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969. He is the son of L. W. Frederick, pastor of South Nettleton Church, Nettleton. The Fredericks anticipate furlough from Guadeloupe in June 1974.



Hermanville To Rebuild (Old Church Burned)

Hermanville Church broke ground for a new church building and Sunday School plant on Sunday, April 1. The church has been meeting in the parsonage since the old building burned a year and a half ago. Mrs. Grover Hood is chairman of the building committee.



Treasurer 20 Years

Recently during the morning worship hour, Chunky Church presented C. L. Cahoon a plaque in appreciation for being treasurer of the church for twenty years. Shown in the picture are Mr. Cahoon, left and Rev. Curtis L. Guess, pastor presenting the plaque.

Baldwyn Calls Pastor

Rev. Leo Barker will assume duties as pastor of First Church, Baldwyn on April 6.



Mr. Barker was born and reared in Kemper County. He attended Clarke College and Livingston University in Livingston, Ala. where he received his BS degree. He received his BD Degree from New Orleans Seminary. He has pastored at Linwood in Neshoba County, East Philadelphia Church and Noxapater Church. He has served as pastor at Noxapater for the past six and one-half years. He is married and has two boys. His oldest son, Jackie, is married and is a ministerial student at East Miss. Junior College. His youngest son, Gary, is in the 10th grade at Noxapater High School.



Simpson To Build Missionary's Home

On March 18, ground-breaking services were held prior to the beginning of construction of a residence for the superintendent of missions and his family for Simpson Association, on a suitable site near Simpson Baptist Center in Weathersby.

Missionary R. A. Tullos has announced his resignation to become effective June 30, and progressive minded church and associational leadership, seeing the need for the construction of a house of residence for his successor, have initiated a building program to provide such a house.

The 28' x 70' brick veneer structure calls for four bedrooms, carpeted living room, two baths, combination family and dining room, kitchen, utility room, and two-car carport. It will be centrally heated and cooled.

At least fifteen of the association's churches were represented at the ground-breaking ceremony which consisted of the singing of a verse of the hymn, "To God Be The Glory," led by association music director George Van Egmond; a prayer led by Mrs. J. A. McCain, director of WMU for the association; scripture by Eugene Polk; comments by moderator Johnnie Bridges; dedicatory prayer led by V. J. Runnels, member of the Finance Committee; and an appropriate challenge by chairman of the Finance Committee of the association, Rev. Oliver C. Ladner.

A small segment of the group attending the services is pictured above. Those holding shovels in front row center, from left to right are: Missionary R. A. Tullos; Missions Committee Chairman J. A. McCain; Eugene Polk, and Moderator Johnnie Bridges. (photo by Chris Smith)

"People of the association recognizing that the association has been strengthened, unified and inspired

by the successful building and paying for of Simpson Baptist Center is slightly more than a year, have good hopes that the missionary house can be completed and paid for by July 1 of this year," states Mr. Tullos.

Heart Attack Claims Retired Texas Treasurer

DALLAS (BP) — Memorial Services were held here April 3, for R. A. Springer, treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Texas for 33 years before retiring in 1970.

Springer, 67, died of a massive heart attack April 1, in Natchez, Miss.

Ridgecrest Easter Drama Written By Music Minister

A three-act music drama, "A Man Called Joseph," will be presented on Wednesday, April 18, at 7:15 p.m. at Ridgecrest Church, Jackson. Written by Thomas A. Moak, Jr., minister of music at Ridgecrest, "A Man Called Joseph" features a cast of Luther Meadows as Joseph, Lloyd Thornton as Amon and Tom Moak as Pilate. Richard White and David Langston serve as attendant and messenger, respectively.

The adult choir will be featured as the setting opens in Joseph's house on the day of the crucifixion, moves to Pilate's Hall for act two, and back to Joseph's house for act three. Drama coach for the presentation is Dr. Jackie Cleveland.

The devil is the father of lies, but he neglected to patent the idea, and the business now suffers from competition.



Clarke Hosts Successful Guest Day

Despite threatening skies, and an afternoon of hard rain, young people from throughout Mississippi and neighboring states converged on the Clarke College campus March 24, for annual Guest Day. According to Admissions Counselor Woodie Burt, the registration of 257 sets a record, and he expressed particular pleasure over the fact that, of this number, 101 were high school juniors and seniors. The busload pictured above came from Pineview, Moss Point, Rev. Bill Barton, pastor. Seventy-six alumni were on hand for the Annual Alumni Association meeting. Officers elected for the coming year include Rev. Hugh Poole, Macon, President; Elsie Worden, Jackson, Vice-President; Woodie Burt, Newton, Secretary.

Devotional

The Undivided Attention Of God

By Larry W. Fields, First, Summit

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

My son Michael has a perfect formula for getting your undivided attention. He will say to you, "Let's go to Michael's room." Even at three years old, he has learned through experience that the best way to get you totally involved with him is to take you away from those things that distract.

If we play in the den he knows that Dad will probably have one eye on the televised ballgame or the newspaper. If we play in the study, he realizes that Dad will have his mind on those books and papers on the desk.

So he gets Dad to come to Michael's room where he will have all and not just a part of him. He will have Dad's undivided attention.

Every Christian should realize that we have constant access to the undivided attention of God. His Word shows us example after example of His deep love and constant concern for each individual person.

There is the parable of the lost sheep and how the shepherd left the 99 that were safe and went out to find the one that was lost. We remember the example of the lost coin and how the woman literally turned her house upside down to find it.

God with His great love, reaches out through His Son, Jesus Christ, to touch every heart with saving grace. We don't have to meet him in any certain room or place to get His undivided attention. He is as close to us as our next prayer. His lines of communication are always open.

There is a phone line between Washington, D. C., and Moscow. It is called the "hot line." Our President has the opportunity to speak to the Russian Prime Minister whenever there is a need. It is seldom used and only in the case of an emergency.

What a perfect picture of the prayer life of many a Christian. We have constant access to the undivided attention of God, yet we use it sparingly, usually in emergencies.

May each of us take advantage of the wonderful blessing of communicating with God, the source of our blessings and the hope for our future.

Meaning Of 'Annuity' Explained By Convention's Annuity Board

DALLAS — "Many people don't know what the word 'annuity' means, although you use it every day," a sales expert told state representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board here.

"You need to explain the word 'annuity'... that it is 'income for as long as you live,'" Garry Kinder of Dallas, divisional vice president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of America, said.

He spoke to annuity secretaries from Baptist state conventions and executive staff members of the Annuity Board's home office in Dallas.

Moves To Winona

Rev. Leon Ballard has been called to the North Winona Church (Montgomery County) as pastor, from the pastorate of Weir Church, Choctaw County.

He is married to the former Margaret Tinnin of Meridian. They have two children, Rickey, 12, and Sherry, 4.

Since his going to North Winona on February 1, the church has experienced a growth that has been realized through his leadership.

Johnny Dossett from Picayune (Pearl River County) is minister of music.

Kinder, himself a Baptist layman, urged the Annuity Board group to explain clearly what an "annuity" does. "People don't buy 'what it is.' They aren't interested in it, don't know what it is. They buy 'what it does,' he continued.

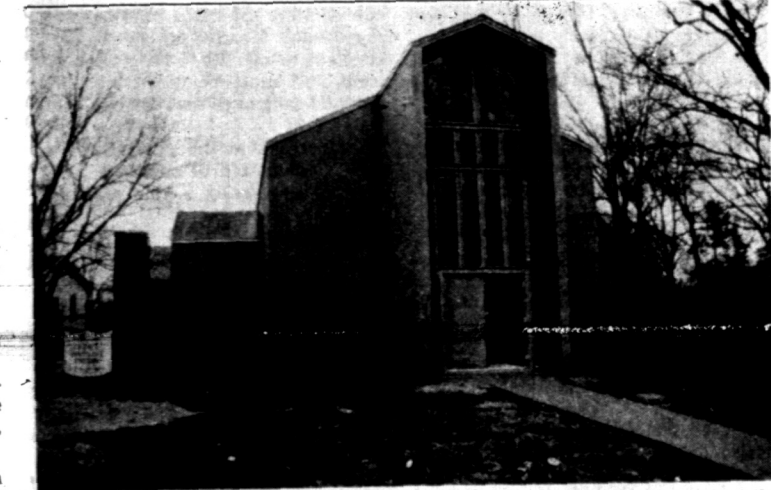
"So, don't tell me what an annuity is, tell me what it does. It provides an income for as long as I live. I

can't outlive it, that's what it does," Kinder said.

State annuity secretaries share responsibility for enlisting pastors and church and denominational workers in the retirement and insurance plans, and for making contacts with those receiving age, widow, and disability benefits through the Annuity Board.

The state representatives meet annually to hear about developments in the Annuity Board's ministry and in retirement and insurance matters in general.

Presentations by Darold H. Morgan, president, and other officers of the Annuity Board centered on recent changes in life, health, and disability insurance offered through the Board. Changes in income tax and Social Security legislation were outlined. Trends in pension fund management were described.



The new building of the Eden Church in Yazoo County was recently completed at a cost of \$53,000. The architect was John DeCell and the contractor was J. J. Cummins, both of Yazoo City. On the building committee were: Mrs. Irene Street, Grace Scott, Bootsie Dew, Paul Parker, Prentice Carson, V. R. Netherland, A. A. Scott, Ledger Parker and D. H. (Shorty) Dew. Rev. R. Y. Gerrard is the pastor.

Spring Production At BMC: "Fiddler On The Roof"

Spring production at BMC: "Fiddler On The Roof" starring Miklos Bencze, will be presented at Blue Mountain College on April 26, 27, and 28 at 8 p.m. in Garrett Auditorium under the direction of Dianne Ledlow Saucier, associate professor of speech and drama. The assistant director will be Frances Tamboli of BMC, a senior drama major.

"FIDDLER" is the story of a Jewish dairyman and his problems — notably the marrying off of his three daughters. However, on a larger scale the story deals with Jewish tradition and disintegration of the Jewish way of life as each daughter rebels against the father's right to choose his daughter's mate.

The Hungarian opera star, Miklos Bencze, will play the lead role of Tevye, the dairyman. Born in Budapest, Hungary, Mr. Bencze finished his studies at the Municipal Conservatory of Music as a violinist and began his vocal studies in 1932. From

then until 1957, when he arrived in the United States, Mr. Bencze studied and performed all over Europe. In 1958, he accepted a position as artist in residence and professor of voice at Baylor University. He remained in that position for the next three years and during that time his reputation as an outstanding opera singer spread all over the United States. In 1966, he was invited to the University of Mississippi to become its first artist in residence and he is also a professor of voice. He first performed the role of Tevye at the University of Mississippi in 1971. Since then he has performed as Tevye in Vicksburg and Tupelo.

Other roles in "FIDDLER" will be played by Blue Mountain College students and faculty.

All tickets will be \$2.00 and may be reserved by calling the Blue Mountain College Main Phone Number, 685-5711 or by writing Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi 38610.



Miklos Bencze

Off The Record

To find out what really happened when the earth was created, engineers spent weeks gathering information, checking and rechecking it and feeding it into the great computer.

The great moment came. All was complete. Everyone gathered around. A button was punched. The great computer whirled into action. Relays opened and closed. Lights flashed, bells rang.

Finally, a typed message emerged: See Genesis 1:1.

Two New Hampshire farmers... philosophized around the fireplace in the general store. "This world is becoming more corrupt every day," said the first native. "There's an increasing amount of 'being' and 'sheing' going on in the valley every evening."

The second old-timer thought for some time and then replied, "I'd say it's about the same as we've always had. The trouble is that other people are doing it now." — BERNARD S. MILLER, "The Old Humanities and the New Humanities." Humanities Jnl.

An acquaintance one asked Luther Burbank what he was working on. "Trying to cross an eggplant with milkweed," answered Burbank.

"And what on earth do you expect from that?" asked the friend. "Custard pie," replied Burbank.

Father, "Get up, son, when Lincoln was your age, do you know what he was doing?"

Son, "No, Dad, I don't. But I do know what he was doing when he was your age."



EASTER AND THE EMPTY TOMB

THE EMPTY tomb of Jesus in Jerusalem, surrounded by lilies and other wild-flowers, represents what Easter means to Christians. Former astronaut James B. Irwin will share the Easter message with people everywhere in a series of spot announcements released by the

Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission to 7,000 radio stations in the United States. The 30 and 60-second spots will feature Bible selections of the Easter story from "The Living Bible." — Radio-TV Commission Photo.

33,000,000 Baptists Now In World, In 105 Nations

WASHINGTON (BP)—Baptists of the world now number almost 33 million, and the Baptist "communities" of the world are estimated to number almost 67 million, the Baptist World Alliance announced following a country survey by Carl W. Tiller, associate secretary and statistician of the organization.

The church membership figure is an increase of nearly 1.4 million from last year's data. At that time the count was 31.4 million; the new figure is 32.8 million.

Church membership for Baptists is limited to persons who make their own affirmative request and commitment as Christian believers. Baptists data is therefore not usually comparable to statistics for some other church bodies, though it roughly resembles "communicant member" data of others, Tiller pointed out.

The Alliance, therefore, has gathered information on the total Baptist community from a number of its member church bodies, and has projected it, continent by continent, to arrive at the 66.9 million total of its world community.

The larger figure includes children in Sunday schools who have not become church members; it also includes some adults who attend church regularly but are not members. This practice is especially noted in some third-world countries, where applicants for membership undergo a long probation period before being accepted, and in some Socialist countries, where the step of becoming a church member is likely to be fraught with political disabilities, Tiller said.

In North America, the Baptist community is estimated to be twice the size of the church membership; in Central America and the Caribbean it is figured at 6.39 times the membership; and in Asia it is limited to 1.77 times the membership, Tiller said.

The Baptists of the world represent one of the most far-flung non-governmental enterprises, Tiller observed. Though their global numbers are exceeded by Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, and Lutherans, the Baptist distribution is in more countries and areas than either of the latter two churches. The BWA figures show Baptists in 105 nations and 23 dependencies.

Most Baptists are in the United States, with 12.5 million. The second largest number is in India—almost 732,000.

In sequence of size, the other countries with large numbers of Baptists are: The Soviet Union with 535,000; Brazil with 400,800; Burma with 275,008; the United Kingdom with 261,108; and Zaire with 225,100.

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New Group, 'Baptist Faith And Message,' Organized In Atlanta

ATLANTA — A new organization called The Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, was formed at a meeting of conservative men from across the Southern Baptist Convention, held at First Baptist Church, Atlanta, on March 3, 1973.

Officers for the national organization include Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., pastor of the Parkwood Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C., president; Dr. Laverne Butler, pastor of 9th and O Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., first vice-president; Rev. Bill Sutton, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pine Hills, Orlando, Fla., second vice-president; and Rev. Aubrey Rose, Assistant pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, secretary-treasurer.

States represented in the formation of the new organization included Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

The purpose of the organization was stated "to be a strong advocate of the doctrinal and theological positions stated in the Baptist Faith and Message adopted in Kansas City in 1963, especially articles One and Eleven, and which was originally adopted in 1925." (Article one deals with the Scriptures and article eleven with Evangelism and Missions).

An offering of \$330 was received from those present and about \$5,000 was pledged to begin the work of the fellowship.

A steering committee of five men from various states was appointed to assist the elected officers in implementing the projects of the Fellowship.

The organization went on record stating that it had not intention what.

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Baptist Hour Sermon To Feature The Tomb

Galilee and the garden tomb in Jerusalem is the setting for two "Baptist Hour" sermons during the Easter holidays.

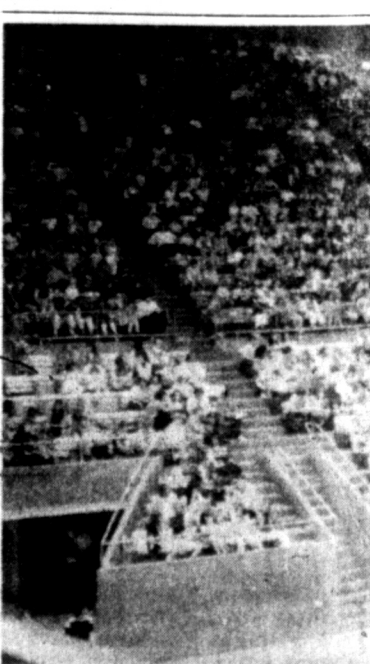
Sunday, April 22, Dr. Charles G. Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va., will ask "What Makes The Difference?" in sermon taped at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem.

Music of The Centurymen, men's singing group, will be featured on both programs.

The "Baptist Hour," produced on behalf of Baptist Men and the Radio and Television Commission, is heard nationally on 427 radio stations.

Dr. John R. Claypool, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, was heard April 15 in a Palm Sunday sermon taped for the NBC telecast, "Sunday in Galilee." The program was aired on national television on Easter Sunday, 1972.

The Radio and Television Commission, based in Fort Worth, is one of the world's largest producers of programs for religious broadcasting. Other programs produced by the Commission include "MasterControl," "Country Crossroads," and "Powerline."



3200 Attend State Young Musicians Choir Festival In Coliseum

A total of 2900 singers, believed to be an all-time record, in addition to an audience of several hundred, attended the annual State Young Musicians Choral Festival held April 14 in the Mississippi Coliseum, sponsored by the Music Dept. Morrison Heights Church, Clinton,

received a trophy for having the largest choir, sixty-four, and Richland Church in Rankin County received an autograph for having the largest total attendance of any rural (open country) church in the state.

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FMB Names 27 New Missionaries

MOBILE, Ala. (BP) — The appointment of 27 missionaries, election of a new area secretary, a report of record Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds received for foreign missions, and a call to double the missionary force in South Vietnam were highlights of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board meeting here.

The board also employed 83 persons as missionary journeymen, elected their 12th missionary field representative, and expressed appreciation to Alabama Baptists for hosting the Mobile meeting.

More than 8,000 persons witnessed the evening appointment service at Mobile's Municipal Auditorium. In addition to the appointment and testimonies of missionaries, a missions message was delivered by Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary.

Following his message 586 persons responded to a call to Christian commitment.

(Pictures and separate stories on the Mississippians appointed will be carried in next week's issue.)

Appointed as missionaries were 11 couples and five women. They are Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Bush Jr. of Tampa, Fla., to Indonesia; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Victor Coleman of Fort Worth, formerly of Edmond, Okla., to Venezuela; Miss Lynn Davis of Houston, to East Africa; Miss Linda Garner of Dallas, to India; Mr. and

Mrs. Russell A. Herrington of Louisville, formerly of Scottsboro, Ala., to Costa Rica.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Steven P. Hicks of New Orleans, to Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Horton of Fort Worth, formerly of Rocky Ford, Colo., to East Africa; Mrs. T. W. Hughes of Fort Worth, formerly of Norman, Okla., to West Africa; Mrs. W. J. Jennings of Louisville, formerly of Arlington, Va., to Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. R. Donald Mantooth of Knoxville, to Israel; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy H. Mar-

lowe of Wesson, Miss., to French West Africa.

And Dr. Rebekah Naylor of Dallas, to India; Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Reeves of Kansas City, formerly of Cape Girardeau, Mo., to Trinidad; Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Sims of New Orleans, formerly of Mobile, to Ghana; Mr. and Mrs. R. Clifford Stanton Jr. of Greensboro, N. C. to Ethiopia; and Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Sutton Jr. of Fort Worth, formerly of Henderson, N. C., to Angola.

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PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

Southern Baptist Convention

June 12-14, 1973—Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon

THEME: "Share the Word Now"

OFFICERS: Owen Cooper, president; chairman of the board, Mississippi Chemical Corp., Yazoo City, Miss. James E. Coggin, first vice president; pastor, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas George W. Bullard, second vice president; executive secretary, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, Harrisburg, Pa. Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary; retired editorial secretary, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary; retired executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, Tenn. Porter W. Routh, treasurer; executive-secretary, Southern Baptist Convention, Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn. W. C. Fields, press representative; public relations secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn. William J. Reynolds, music director; secretary, church music department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Russell H. Dilday, Jr., chairman, Committee on Order of Business; pastor, Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Tuesday Morning, June 12

9:00 Music for Inspiration. The Celebration, First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Ark., Charles Collins, minister of music
9:15 Call to Order
Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, secretary, church music department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Special Music—The Celebration
Theme Meditation—James L. Sullivan, president, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
9:35 Report of Registration and Constitution of the Convention—W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary; retired executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, Tenn. (Continued on page 2)

Committee Asks Mississippi Baptists To Observe April 22-28 As Week Of Prayer

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, which has been given the responsibility of nominating a person to the board for election as successor to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins as the board's executive secretary-treasurer, has asked that the week of April 22-28 be observed by all Mississippi Baptists as a week of prayer for divine direction of the committee in its assignment.

Dr. Hudgins has announced his retirement which will become effective Nov. 13, 1973.

Dr. Earl Kelly of Jackson is chairman of the Executive Committee while Dr. Robert Hamblin of Tupelo is president of the Convention Board.

State Man Represents Colleges

Continued Tax Incentives Are Sought

WASHINGTON (BP) — Seventy-five Southern Baptist colleges and schools asked the House Committee on Ways and Means of the U. S. Congress not to reduce the incentives for charitable giving as proposed in tax reform measures now before Congress.

The Ways and Means Committee, in extensive hearings, is considering proposals that would eliminate income tax deductions for charitable contributions, eliminate or reduce the deduction of gifts of long-term appreciated property, reduce the unlimited estate tax charitable deduc-

tion on income tax charitable contribution deductions.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary and general counsel for Mississippi College, a Southern Baptist school in Clinton, Miss., represented the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools before the Ways and Means Committee of which Rep. Wilbur D. Mills (D., Ark.), is chairman. Lewis Nobles of Mississippi College is president of the association. Ben Fisher of the SBC Education Commission serves as executive secretary.

In addition to the association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, the University of Richmond, a Baptist school in Richmond, and a member of the association, presented separate testimony through Charles W. Patterson III, assistant to the president and director of estate planning.

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Baptists Win Most Awards In PR Contest

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP) — Southern Baptists and Disciples of Christ captured the most prizes during the Religious Public Relations Council's annual awards competition here for their public relations efforts during the past year.

Southern Baptists won eleven awards, and members of the Disciples of Christ won seven awards, dominating the winners' circle in the competition.

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Southern Baptist Convention

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see Baptist Convention, Brentwood, Tenn. Committee on Order of Business — Russell H. Dilday, Jr., chairman; pastor, Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

- 9:40 Welcome
9:50 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, and Tellers
9:55 Congregational Singing
10:00 Executive Committee Report (first section)
10:50 Miscellaneous Business
11:05 Introduction of Resolutions
11:25 Congregational Singing
11:30 Special Music — Mr. & Mrs. James Yates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, Miss.
11:35 President's Address—Owen Cooper, chairman of the board, Mississippi Chemical Corp., Yazoo City, Miss.
12:15 Benediction—Peter Lord, minister, Park Avenue Baptist Church, Titusville, Fla.

Tuesday Afternoon, June 12

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration
2:20 Introduction of Resolutions
2:40 Congregational Singing—Sam Fort, student work and church music director, Northwest Baptist Convention, Portland, Oregon
Theme Meditation — James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tenn.
2:55 Miscellaneous Business
3:10 Election of Officers
Recognition of Past Presidents
3:40 Executive Committee Report (final section)
4:10 Election of Officers
Ambassador Service National Award
Miscellaneous Business
4:30 Benediction—Glenn Sullivan, minister, First Baptist Church, Russellville, Ky.

Tuesday Evening, June 12

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration—The Lower Columbia Singers, Longview, Wash., Ted Campbell, director
7:00 Congregational Singing — Duane Barrett, director, brotherhood and church music departments, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno, Calif.
Scripture — Lewis Nobles, president, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.
Prayer—W. L. Sewell, associate executive secretary, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria, La.
7:15 Annuity Board Report
7:30 Committee on Public Affairs Report
7:45 Stewardship Commission Report
8:00 Foreign Mission Board Report
9:00 Benediction—Allan Fulmer, attorney, Columbia, S. C.

Wednesday Morning, June 13

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—The Revelation Singers, Arapahoe Road Baptist Church, Littleton, Colo., Terry Low, director
9:15 Congregational Singing—John Johnson, music faculty, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.
Special Music—Randall Veazey, concert soloist, Foley, Ala.
Theme Meditation—James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tenn.
9:35 Election of Officers
9:55 Sunday School Board Report
10:15 Committee on Resolutions Report (first)
10:35 Committee on Committees Report
Committee on Boards Report
10:10 Congregational Singing
10:45 Special Music
10:50 Convention Sermon—Dotson M. Nelson, Jr., pastor, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.
Alternate: Charles A. Trentham, pastor, First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.
11:20 Miscellaneous Business (consideration of constitution changes and other)
12:45 Benediction — Gilbert Barrow, minister, First Baptist Church, Leesburg, Fla.

NO CONVENTION SESSION WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 13

Wednesday Evening, June 13

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration—The Spring Street Singers, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., Beryl Red, musical director
7:00 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tenn.
Scripture—Douglas Watterson, minister, Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.
Prayer—W. Perry Crouch, executive secretary, North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, N. C.
7:10 Christian Life Commission Report
7:45 Home Mission Board Report
9:00 Benediction — Bill Montgomery, minister, St. Andrew Baptist Church, Panama City, Fla.

Thursday Morning, June 14

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—The Free People, California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif., Larry Longshore, director
9:15 Congregational Singing
Special Music
Theme Meditation—James L. Sullivan
9:35 Resolutions Committee Report (final)
10:15 Denominational Calendar Committee Report
10:20 Committee on State Papers Report
10:25 American Bible Society Report
10:30 Special Music—Percy Newman, businessman, Springfield, Mo.
Address—William M. Pinson, Jr., professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.
11:00 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
11:05 Baptist World Alliance Report
11:20 Radio and Television Commission Report
11:35 Miscellaneous Business
12:15 Benediction—Pat Harrison, minister, First Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.

Thursday Afternoon, June 14

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration—The Trouveres, California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif., Curtis Cheek, director
2:30 Congregational Singing
Theme Meditation—James L. Sullivan
2:45 Southern Baptist Foundation Report
3:00 Committee on American Baptist Seminaries Report
3:05 Education Commission Report
3:20 Historical Commission Report
3:35 Southern Baptist Convention Seminaries Report
Special Music
Address—Frederick Sampson, minister, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.
4:30 Benediction—Gerald Buckley, minister, West Heights Baptist Church, Pontotoc, Miss.

Thursday Evening, June 14

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration—Chapel Choir, First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., Tom Mosley, minister of music
7:00 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tenn.
Benediction — Gerald Buckley, minister, West Heights Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C.
Prayer—Russell McIntire, director of development, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.
7:10 Presentation of Officers
7:15 Women's Missionary Union Report
7:30 Brotherhood Report
7:45 Share-the-Word Celebration, coordinated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
Master of Ceremonies—Grady Nutt, entertainer, Louisville, Ky.
The Word We Share—Annie Vallotton, illustrator, Today's English Version of the New Testament, Paris, France
The Way We Share—Senator Mark Hatfield, Salem, Ore.
Our Commitment to Share—Ralph H. Langley, pastor, Willow Meadows Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.
9:00 Benediction—Hoffman Harris, minister, Briarlake Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.



Mount Of Olives

Jerusalem's Mount of Olives was the scene of many of the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus. It was from the top of the Mount that he made his triumphant ride into Jerusalem and crowds of people carpeted the road with cloaks and palm branches. And it was there he went after the Last Supper. Ancient olive trees witnessed Christ's agony in the Garden of

Gethsemane, his betrayal by Judas, and his arrest by the Romans. The Mount of Olives is still the most dominant landmark in Jerusalem. From its top most of the ancient city can be seen. In this view are the walls of the city and the Golden Gate, now walled up, with the Dome of the Rock, a Moslem Mosque, on the site of Solomon's temple beyond the walls. (RNS Photo)

Jackson Jaycee

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Mississippi Memorial Stadium

7:00 a.m. - Sunday, April 22

Speaker - Dr. Robert G. Lee,

Memphis, Tennessee

Special Guest - Lt. Governor William Winter

Music by THE BRIGHTER DAY
from Van Winkle Baptist Church

Welcome!

Cooper Challenges Small Churches At National Meet

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention President Owen Cooper challenged more than 400 small church pastors and laymen to remember they are prophets of God and pace setters in their communities.

"The pace of witness is going to be no faster than you walk; the interest in missions no more than your interest; and the degree of missions and outreach no more than you make it," Cooper said in the keynote address at the first Southern Baptist Convention Small Church Conference here last week.

"Some churches may grow, some stabilize and some may have to disorganize," he said. "I've had an idea of churches, not merging but marrying. They could go together, keep both pastors on the payroll, but send one off as a missionary and then six months later switch. The people will probably get so excited about supporting a full-time missionary that they will want to support him permanently."

Cooper was among convention leaders from the Baptist Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission, the Sunday school and church training department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, who met with pastors and laymen in the special four-day conference devoted to examining the future of churches of less than 300 members.

Larry Bryson, who directs rural-urban missions for the Home Mission Board's Division of Associational Services, said the conference was not designed just to discuss the small church, but to air problems as seen to by the churchmen and convention leaders and gear solutions to the problems. "In these conferences we dealt with the problems and have given the help they need. These pastors and their wives will return and deal with these problems, because they have dealt here with themselves. They also have found that others have some of the same problems," Bryson said.

Conferences which provided practical help were the ABC's of church administration, personal ministries of the pastor and the pastor's wife and WMU.

R. T. Blackstock, director of Christian social ministries from the Jacksonville Baptist Association in Florida, told a group of conferees that ministry is reaching outside the church into the community.

"The personal needs of human

beings become the unique opportunity for Christians," Blackstock said. "However, sometimes it is difficult for ministry in the small church because of several things: short terms of the pastors, rapid turnover of people, part-time pastors, or just a simply smallness syndrome."

But there are advantages for ministry in the small church, Blackstock said. "There can be a genuine fellowship among small groups that can't be developed in the larger church, and the church was first of all a fellowship before it was an institution."

Most churches perform two types of ministry, he said — a "reaction" ministry, which takes place in a crisis situation and the "planned - seeking-out" opportunities. Most reaction ministries are short-term projects like taking Christmas baskets, or helping when a house burns.

"Now Christ Is Risen From The Dead"

The first sheaf of the resurrection harvest! And — if Christ be NOT risen—the world's blackest assumption—our preaching is vain, our faith is vain, we are false witnesses of God, we are yet in our sins, our departed loved ones who believed in Christ are perished, and having hope only in this life, we are of all men most miserable — because we are fancying future blessedness which can never be secured.

No risen Christ, a tomb as worthless as any tomb—a cross no more than a martyr's cross.

No risen Christ, death a king of terror with no rival, a black shadow which no sun ever penetrates.

No risen Christ, no trumpet to sound through death's dreary dominions to awake the dead from eternal sleep.

No risen Christ, death mocks our hopes like a coarse comedian or heartless satirist.

No risen Christ, death, inexorable jailer, imprisons us in the iron slumber of eternal night.

No risen Christ, the whole history of Christianity and its existence is unintelligible.

No risen Christ, no seeing again the faces of our redeemed, dear, sweet faces which we have "loved long since and lost awhile!" BUT—now is Christ risen from the dead!

The resurrection of Jesus is the sufficient confirmation of our immortality. "Because I live," said Jesus, "ye shall live also." Therefore no truth can be a more powerful influence toward noble living. The need of the hour is to make the resurrection not simply a historical fact, accepted by the intellect as proved, but a real truth in the heart and conscience, manifested through a heart trusting the crucified Lord as atoning Saviour, manifest in a life surrendered to the dominion of the Lord, and spent in the fellowship of Him who was dead and is alive for evermore. "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). — R. G. Lee

Exploration II Is Launched By Americans United

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SMS) — On March 11 in historic Plymouth, Massachusetts, and Williamsburg, Va. Americans United for Separation of Church and State launched a program of rediscovery and re-examination of the fundamental values of the American experience.

"As the Pilgrims, pioneers, and immigrants explored the vast physical resources of our land, it is now time for us to explore the spiritual and philosophical principles underlying American society and government," stated Virgil Kraft, Americans United's Director of Field Services.

The meetings at Plymouth and Williamsburg, inaugurating the Americans United Program of rediscovering the basic promises of American constitutional government focused on the pre-eminent liberty enjoyed by all Americans — religious freedom. "The interdependence of our civil liberties," proclaimed Mr. Kraft, "must be emphasized. Our liberty of conscience, press, and assembly all relate to and derive from the first freedom of all — the freedom of religious thought and practice. If religious freedom is weakened, all the others are in jeopardy."

Southwestern Board Sets Staff Reorganization

FORT WORTH (BP) — Approving a sweeping reorganization plan, trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here elected three vice presidents, two new deans and seven faculty members; and approved a new degree program.

The trustees also adopted a record budget, approved promotions and tenure for several faculty members, and honored a retiring dean.

In approving a recommendation to reorganize the structure of the seminary's administration, the trustees voted to create four new vice presidential posts, heading up four new divisions — administrative, academic, business and student affairs.

Named to fill three of the posts were John Seelig, assistant to the president, who becomes vice president for administrative affairs; Jesse Northcutt, dean of the seminary's School of Theology, who becomes vice president for academic affairs; and Wayne Evans, business manager, who becomes vice president for business affairs.

The position of vice president for student affairs was not filled, pending further study by a restructure committee of trustees.

New deans for the School of Theology and School of Religious Education were elected by the board.

Named to succeed Northcutt as dean of the School of Theology was Huber L. Drumwright, professor of New Testament for more than 20 years.

Jack D. Terry, assistant professor of principles of philosophy of education since 1969 was named new dean of the School of Religious Education. He will succeed Joe David Heacock who retires in July after serving the seminary as professor and dean for 29 years.

In another major action, the 36-member board approved a record \$3.4 million operating budget for 1973-74. Included in the budget were

salary increases for all personnel and the strengthening of all programs, according to seminary president Robert Naylor.

New professors named to the faculty included Theodore H. Dowell, assistant professor of psychology of human relations; Clark Dean, assistant professor of social work; Alva Parks, assistant professor of education administration; Yandall Woodfin, professor of the philosophy of the Christian religion; and Darrell Watkins, assistant professor of social work.

A new master of music in church music degree program, designed as an advanced program of scholarship and performance, was approved by the trustees.

First Church, Clinton, And MC To Present Easter TV Special

An Easter Special produced by Mississippi College and First Baptist Church, Clinton, will be televised Easter Sunday morning, April 22, at 8 a. m. on Channel 16, WAPT, Jackson.

Shelton Hand and Dr. Charles Martin of the Mississippi College faculty will present a dialogue about the Easter holiday.

The choir of First Church, Clinton, will sing, directed by Tanner Riley, music director of the church, and accompanied by Billy Trotter, MC faculty member, and organist of First Church. Also the Ladies' Handbell Choir will perform.

Rev. Bill Baker, pastor of First Church, will bring an Easter message.

Mrs. Holcomb Dies

Mrs. H. R. Holcomb, Sr., known as "Miss Susie," died, April 7, at North Mississippi Medical Center, following a brief illness. Mrs. Holcomb, nee Susie Calhoun, was born in Pontotoc, Miss., January 24, 1884.

She was the wife of the late Rev. H. R. Holcomb, Sr., pastor of Tupelo First Church from 1928 until 1958.

Hundreds of young men and boys, known as "Susie's Boys" attended her Sunday School class which was held in the parsonage. Although handicapped in later years with faulty vision, Mrs. Holcomb kept a remarkable correspondence going with those of her class and members of her Royal Ambassador group who moved from Tupelo.

The Royal Ambassador group, composed of young boys from the Baptist church and from any other denomination when they wished to join, were privileged to enjoy her leadership in training, and a bonus of six or more summer tours via bus. These tours included all parts of the United States, three trips into Canada and a tour of Old Mexico.

The Business Girl's Circle of First Church was sponsored by Mrs. Holcomb and met for many years, weekly at her home.

Mrs. Holcomb also worked with the younger girls in the GA and with the older women of the WMS.

Mrs. Holcomb is survived by three children, H. R. Holcomb Jr., of Rochester, N. Y., Calhoun Holcomb and Mrs. Dick Smith of Mt. Ida, Ark.; seven grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

Services were held at First Baptist Church, Tupelo, April 9, with Rev. Rowe Holcomb of Hazlehurst, brother-in-law of the deceased, and Rev. John Cooper officiating.

FMB Names 27 New Missionaries

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Elected as area secretary for the recently created administrative area of Eastern and Southern Africa was Davis L. Saunders, presently on furlough from his assignment as field representative for the area. He will assume the new responsibilities effective June 1.

He and six other area secretaries will administer mission activities in 76 political or geographic entities.

Caution told the board that record receipts of \$18,391,411 have already been reported for the 1972 Little Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

The goal for the annual offering sponsored each year by the Woman's Missionary Union in Southern Baptist churches was \$18 million. Total receipts for the offering will not be tabulated until the end of April.

The call to double the number of missionaries in South Vietnam came as a resolution from the board's committee on Southeast Asia.

The resolution adopted by the board emphasized spiritual and physical needs of the people, "limitless opportunities" for missionary endeavors, and the agency of capitalizing on existing peaceful conditions for the extension of Christian witness.

The 83 persons approved for employment as missionary journeymen will enter training at Meredith College in Raleigh, N. C., in June. Upon completion of a seven-week training program, those commissioned by the board July 27 will serve two years overseas in specific job assignments alongside career missionaries.

James F. Kirkendall, a missionary to Lebanon for 10 years, was named as the board's field representative for India, Iran and Bangladesh, effective July 1.

A native of Birch Tree, Mo., Kirkendall will provide a personal link between the board and about 25 career missionaries in his three assigned countries. He and his family will reside in Teheran, Iran.

Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, told a luncheon meeting that the Southern Baptist Convention had met in Mobile 100 years ago. H. A. Tupper, then corresponding secretary for the board, recorded that in 1873 there were 18

foreign missionaries on the field. Routh said. Receipts for the board totaled \$5,000, he added.

This would contrast with today's overseas force of about 2,500 missionaries and 1972 foreign missions receipts of almost \$38 million, Routh said.

Mobile was the first Alabama city to host such a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. Usually meetings are held at the board's headquarters in Richmond, although they have been held at least once a year for the past four years in another location.

The change in sites is to allow Baptist people to participate more directly in the appointment of missionaries

whom they support, according to Jesse Fletcher, director of the Board Mission Support Division.

With the exception of the appointment service, all of the Mobile sessions were held at Dauphin Way Baptist Church, where board member Jaroy Weber is pastor.

Baptist Win - - -

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C. Woody of Dallas, won the grand award for television production for the program, "Me, Tom and the River" produced for the Missouri Baptist Convention. TimeRite is a subsidiary of the Southern Baptist Radio - Television Commission.

Clarence Duncan, administrative assistant to the SBC Radio - TV Commission in Fort Worth, won the award of excellence for the series of radio spots on the Jewish High Holy Days.

John Earl Seelig, vice president for administration, and Don Hepburn, public relations associate, won a total of four awards for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Seelig won first place honors in the newsletter and booklet (catalogue) categories, and a second in the poster category; Hepburn tied for second in the booklet category for the seminary's summer bulletin.

W. C. Fields, public relations director for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, presided at the awards dinner here.

Daily newspaper advertising revenue in 1972 totaled an estimated \$7 billion, an increase of 13.2 per cent over 1971, according to the Bureau of Advertising.

33,000,000 Baptists In World

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A summary, grouped by continental areas, is as follows:

	church members	Baptist community
Africa	652,198	1,206,586
Asia, except Middle East	1,134,476	2,008,023
Central America & Caribbean	234,579	1,498,961
Europe	1,141,214	2,533,495
Middle East	1,369	3,943
North America	29,013,168	58,026,336
Oceania	165,225	348,625
South America	462,169	1,247,856
	32,804,398	66,873,805

The figures apply both to churches which are affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance and those which are not.

There are 27,303,000 Baptists who

are members of church bodies affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance and 5,501,398 Baptists outside the Baptist World Alliance.

New Group, 'Baptist Faith And Message'

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ever to withdrawing from the Southern Baptist Convention and that it will avoid any ties with groups or individuals who advocate withdrawing from the convention. It is the stated aim of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship to work within the framework of the Southern Baptist Convention.

During a period of open discussion it was learned that in states all over the Southern Baptist Convention, conservative groups are springing up composed of pastors and laymen who are deeply disturbed about the continuing liberal bent of some Southern Baptist leaders.

Twin Building - - -

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and building suppliers, who will display materials.

The meeting April 24, for north Mississippi, will be held at the First Baptist Church of Grenada.

The meeting April 26, for south Mississippi will be held at the First Baptist Church in Brookhaven.

Both meetings will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., with personal conferences held from 2:00 p.m. until they are completed.

The conferences will be sponsored by the State Sunday School Department and the Baptist Sunday School Board.



Quarter Million Already Committed

William Carey College's one million dollar development campaign was kicked off officially April 11. Shown making happy remarks about the \$250,000 already committed by four donors are members of the school's campaign committee. From left to right are: Wiley Fairchild, chairman, the Carey Board of Trustees; John D. Thomas, Advance Gifts Chairman; Gordon H. White, Special Friends Chairman; and Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, President of the college. Commented President Noonkester: "We are confident that the one million dollars needed to renovate Tatum Court and build a new business administration complex will most certainly come forth."

"SPRING STREET USA" TO BE SEEN ON STATION WAPT-TV IN JACKSON

"Spring Street USA," the SBC nationally televised evangelism series, will be shown on station WAPT-TV, Channel 16, in Jackson on the following dates:

April 22, 5:30 p.m.; April 29, 5:30 p.m.; May 6, 4:30 p.m.; May 13 and the Sundays following at 1:00 p.m.

This program is produced by the Evangelism Division of the Home Mission Board in cooperation with the Radio and Television Commission of the SBC.

Dr. Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, is the speaker with music by the Spring Street Singers.

Miss Eva Carol Aultman of Oxford is one of the singers.

The Convention President Speaks

One of the most challenging opportunities lies before Mississippi Baptists that we have had in many years. Of course, I refer to finding a successor to Dr. Hudgins as executive secretary and treasurer of our Convention Board. At this point, I shall not labor the merits and commendations of Dr. Hudgins. That will come at a later date, hopefully.

I want to challenge every Mississippi Baptist to rise up and be big. To do so, you will want to pray fervently for God's man for this position. This applies to clergy and laity. We must do it as individuals and as churches, and any other group of interested Christians. To be big means we shall follow divine leadership to the best of our knowledge in making comments in regard to personalities. By all means, let's resolve to remain completely free from speculative talk and critical statements. Let's trust God to lead the committee and trust them to lead us.

Even though I have been around a long time, I do not think I have ever attended a meeting where the ones present felt the load of responsibility like your executive committee upon receiving the announcement. The one underlying and overriding thought was, let's make this a rich spiritual experience. It was a prayer meeting like unto which I have seldom attended. To be big, we shall be ethical in submitting names for consideration. We shall avoid denominational pressure tactics. We shall be genuinely Christian to the very heart of our being. — David Grant.



Carriere TV Program Starts Again April 22

Rev. Wm. Gary Smith, pastor of First, Carriere, announces that the To Learn The Bible television program, sponsored by members and friends of First Church, Carriere, is scheduled to start again April 22 at 7:30 a.m. over Channel 13-WLOX television station in Biloxi.

The program offers a free trip to the Holy Land to some young person 26 years of age or younger in the United States who memorizes the most Scripture. The 1972 recipient, Travis Moore, of the Baton Rouge, Louisiana area, is pictured at left in the above photo receiving the free trip along with a copy of one of Mr. Smith's records entitled, "My Mother Taught Me The Power Of Prayer."

The tapes of the television program are played on radio stations WRJW-Picayune and WCOC-Meridian. The television program will expand its ministry when it goes back on the air April 22 by having a one-minute program over WWL radio station in New Orleans, which can be heard throughout the United States, each Sunday night at 9 p.m. A new Bible will be given to someone in the United States each Sunday night. Everyone is invited to listen to and pray for the continued growth of this ministry of helping people come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour through the study of the Bible.

For free information about this ministry, write Rev. Wm. Gary Smith, P.O. Box 56, Carriere, Mississippi 39426.

Continued Tax Incentives Are Sought

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Patterson took essentially the same position as Hand in opposing changes in current tax law that encourages charitable giving. He explained that a \$40 million gift in 1969 to the University of Richmond from E. Claiborne Robins and family "was and still is the largest single outright gift to a college or university in the history of this country."

"More than likely Mr. Robins would have made a large gift to the university no matter what the tax laws were at that time... but the tax laws, nonetheless, encouraged this gift," Patterson declared.

"Without the advantages, perhaps the gift would not have been as large," he said.

Hand argued that it is in the public interest that the government continue its policy of encouraging charitable contributions by continuing tax incentives for such giving. He pointed out that the increase of public expenditures required to replace private contributions would far exceed the current loss in tax revenues.

The essence of Hand's 95-page testimony is summed up in four points. He said:

"The passage of the presently discussed tax changes (1) would go against the 'self help' theory of American greatness, (2) would greatly increase the involvement of the federal government in all agencies of life already recognized as 'for the public good,' (3) would follow much too closely on the heels of the massive 1969 Tax Reform Act, and (4) could require great increases in appropriations to continue the public access institutions that would suffer most from these reductions now debated."

Throughout the hearings, Rep. James C. Corman (D., Calif.) asked the wealthy people of the nation "should share in the cost of government rather than avoiding taxes by giving to their favorite charities to the extent that they would pay little or no income taxes."

In discussing this point, Hand took the position that tax deductible gifts to educational institutions is the equivalent to paying taxes to the government.

Rep. Corman, while not opposing a degree of tax incentives for charitable giving, obviously did not agree that such giving as the same as paying taxes.

Hand further asserted that if tax incentives were removed from the support of private colleges, many of them would be forced to close their doors, or many of the private colleges would become public institutions.

"The consequences of these proposals," Hand said, "would be for the federal government necessarily to become totally involved and assume full responsibility for the operation of those institutions finding favor in the federal budget. This danger runs deep and the issue of church and state would be a major factor."

Hand concluded by saying that "education is not down — but a blow of reduced recognition would do great damage. He appealed for a continuance of present policies of government encouragement of private support of the nation's colleges and universities."

The testimony of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and

schools was only one of many witnesses and panels representing both public and private higher education.

They all appealed to Congress to continue the present policies of tax incentives for private support of the schools.

Lay Institute For Evangelism To Be At Garaywa

A Lay Institute for Evangelism, (L. I. F. E.), sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, will be held at Camp Garaywa, Clinton, on April 27, 28, and 29. This announcement comes from Drew Ramsay, Director for the Mississippi Lay Ministry. According to Mr. Ramsay, the purpose of the institute will be to train lay men, women and students to experience and share the abundant Christian life.

Several courses will be taught. All persons who have never received training in a Campus Crusade institute must take the Introductory Course, "How To Experience and Share the Abundant Life." Those who have attended an institute before, may choose one of the following courses: "How To Lead An Evangelistic Home Bible Study"; "Effective Follow-Up"; "Evangelistic Speaking and Entertaining."

The Lay Institute for Evangelism is a Key '73 Resource. Churches that are involved in the Key '73 outreach are expected to send delegates to the training.

Recently a Lay Institute for Evangelism was held at Broadmoor Church, Jackson.

Jim Brown, an engineer from Biloxi who attended a L. I. F. E. stated, "This training has taught me that I don't have to live a frustrated, defeated, powerless life as a Christian. Through it I learned how to allow Jesus Christ to live His life in and through me. Now, every day is truly an exciting adventure with the Lord."

An invitation to the L. I. F. E. is extended to all who wish to become better witnesses for Christ. The total cost is \$27.00 per person, which includes registration, housing, meals, materials and training. The cost is only \$10.00 for those who wish to commute. The institute will begin with registration from 3:00-6:00 Friday evening, April 27 and will conclude after the noon meal on Sunday, April 29. Registration may be completed by mail by addressing your request to Mississippi Lay Ministry, L. I. F. E. Registrar, 741 Gardner St., Jackson, Miss., 39216. Any further information required may be received by calling the Jackson office of Campus Crusade for Christ at 362-7754.

The cost of street and highway maintenance, administration, and research by state and local governments will double from \$5.7 billion in 1970 to \$11.4 billion in 1980, says The Tax Foundation, Inc.

Money talks as much as ever, but what it says nowadays makes less sense.

It pays to be honest. It pays even more than it costs.



To Sing At Easter Sunrise Service

The Maranatha of South 28th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg is one of the choirs which will render special music at the Community sunrise service sponsored by the Hattiesburg Ministerial Association for Easter at 6:30 a.m. before the Wilkes Cafeteria on the campus of William Carey College.

The Maranatha has received superior rating at the Wiggins District Choral Festival, superior rating at the State Baptist Choral Festival, and were rated the No. 1 Ensemble among the Baptist churches of Mississippi. This talented group has sung before 4,000 persons in over 25 separate performances from Atlanta, Georgia to Harrison, Arkansas. David Blakeney is the director and Rev. Jim Nunnelee is the pastor.

Girls, left to right: Janet Coulter, Charlotte Williamson, Beth Monroe, Cathy McMahan, Margaret Breland, Paula Barbour, and Phyllis Evans.

Boys, left to right: Mike Henrick, Ranny Lindsey, Tommy Henrick, Tim Lindsey, Dwayne Nicholas.



Rev. Karl K. McGraw, administrative assistant, Children's Village, accepts a gift of a new set of Child Craft and a new set of World Book Encyclopedia from Eugene L. Culpepper of Laurel, division manager of Field Enterprises Educational Corporation.

Children's Village Receives Gift Set Of Encyclopedias

The Baptist Children's Village has announced receipt of another gift of educational literature from Eugene L. Culpepper of Laurel, and from Field Enterprises Educational Corporation, the firm Mr. Culpepper serves as division manager. The most recent gift of books delivered to the Village campus by Mr. Culpepper included a completely new set of World Book Encyclopedia, both published and distributed by Field Enterprises Educational Corporation. According to the announcement, the firm released the books to Mr. Culpepper for delivery as a gift to an agency of his choice.

In accepting the gift for the Village, Rev. Karl K. McGraw, administrative assistant on the Village staff, stated that the volumes would be placed in one of the cottages on the Jackson campus. It was further pointed out that virtually every Village cottage installation now enjoys the use of a recent edition of World Book Encyclopedia in its cottage library, and many of the cottages also have complete sets of Child Craft. According to Mr. McGraw, many of these sets have been contributed by Mr. Culpepper or by those whom he has influenced during the past several years.

T. D. Rodgers, home life director at the Village, who supervises public school affairs and home study habits of Village children states that the books made possible for Village use by Mr. Culpepper, his firm and others encouraged by them have been of great benefit to the boys and girls at The Children's Village, both in terms of pleasure reading and as resource materials for their public school studies.

The Baptist Children's Village maintains a central, campus-wide library in Hester Activities Building on its Jackson campus, as well as a smaller study library in each of the 12 cottages located on the Jackson campus as well as in the Village's satellite home in New Albany.

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EDITORIAL

"Baptism" Or "Filling"?

In a recent editorial we discussed one charismatic (Spiritual) problem which is disturbing some churches, namely, speaking with tongues, and stated that we would discuss a second one, baptism of the Holy Spirit, in a later article. Now we are ready for that. The response to the first has been most encouraging.

Much is being said today, and much written, concerning what is called the "baptism of the Holy Spirit." Numerous claims are being made about it. There are sharp differences of opinion concerning the doctrine, and it has created problems in some churches. We believe that it should be carefully studied in the light of the Scriptures, since only in the Bible can we find correct teaching concerning it.

Spiritual Experience

As we begin a study of this issue, let us state emphatically that we fully believe in the experience which the Scriptures speak of as being filled with the Holy Spirit. Not for one moment would we deny that there are such experiences, or that they are the deep need of every Christian. The Bible tells us to "be filled with the Spirit" and the Christian who misses this experience fails to know the fullness of God's blessing and joy and power. Many Christians have told of their experience of being "filled" in a special way, and their lives and witness are a proof of that experience.

Any person familiar with church history knows of the mighty spiritual revivals which have come in many places such as in China, in Wales, in Brazil and in Western Canada even at the present time. The stories of spiritual experiences of individuals, churches and even whole areas, in these revivals are beyond human explanation. Moreover, there are glorious stories of the experiences of such men as Moody, Torrey, and other great leaders of the past, and in the present moment, of men such as Southern Baptist Dr. Jack Taylor of San Antonio, who give strong testimony of what the Holy Spirit has done and is doing in their and other lives. All of these are sure evidence of the working of the Holy Spirit in Christian lives, and we could only wish that some of those experiences could happen to all Christians.

Disturbing Issues

Despite all of these glorious reports concerning the Holy Spirit's work in Christian lives and in churches, there continue to arise disturbing problems related to it. Some say that there is a "second" experience for the Christian called "baptism of the Holy Spirit," and argue that the promises concerning such a baptism which were made by John in the gospels, and by Jesus in Acts, are for Christians of this day, as well as for the church at Pentecost. Some go so far as to say that the "baptism of the Holy Spirit" will be accompanied by "speaking in tongues" and that this gift is the proof of the baptism. Some actually have withdrawn from the work of the churches to form themselves into small cliques or groups. All of these things have proved to be upsetting to some Christians, especially immature ones, and have caused disturbance in Christian thinking, problems in the churches, and division in the Kingdom. We do not question the sincerity of most of those involved in these things, but we cannot keep from believing that their claims and their actions deserve close scrutiny in the light of the Scriptures. This we propose to do now.

Considerations

1. Let us acknowledge from the beginning that many Christians have had special experiences which they attribute to the Holy Spirit. And these experiences will may be the work of the Holy Spirit, although I believe that we must admit that sometimes such things could be psychological or even satanic or demonic in origin. We are not saying that they are, but simply that they could be.

2. The Scripture makes very clear the fact that when a person becomes a Christian the Holy Spirit enters into him to abide with him forever, and that the person who does not have the Holy Spirit abiding in him is not a Christian, (John 14: 16-17; Romans 8: 9; etc.) Since this is true then we do not need to receive the Holy Spirit as a "second work of Grace," or in some special experience. He already abides in every Christian. He may not be recognized, and he may be given little place in the Christian's life, but he is there.

3. We question very seriously the claim that the promises of John the Baptist, and of the Lord, concerning a baptism in the Holy Spirit, are promises for individual Christians of today. There are only seven references to baptism related to the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. Four of these are the statement of John the Baptist as recorded in all four Gospels. (Matt. 3: 11; Mark 1: 8; Luke 3: 16; and John 1: 33) John says, "he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire," and it is clear that he was referring to Jesus, so Jesus was the baptizer. In Acts 1: 5 Jesus said, "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be

baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." It seems evident that all of these five statements are pointing to Pentecost, for that is the only event in the New Testament which fulfills the prophecy. And there is no promise that there would be a repetition of this experience every time a new church was started. Pentecost was a once for all experience fulfilling the promise of the Lord that the Father would send the Spirit to them. (John 14: 16-18).

The sixth reference is in Acts 11: 16 where Peter is reminded of the words of the Lord which were fulfilled at Pentecost, and of which the experience at Cornelius' house reminded him. The spiritual infilling of Gentiles evidently occurred to make clear to Peter and the other Jewish Christians that the same Spirit which came upon the Jews at Pentecost, was also given to the Gentiles. If someone wishes to argue that this is a proof of repetition of the Pentecostal experience, let him show where it happened in other new churches. True there were special spiritual experiences at Samaria and at Ephesus, but there is no proof that these were a repetition of what happened at Pentecost. And how about a similar experience at other new churches which were established in many different cities? There is no record of such.

The final verse on "baptism" with reference to the Spirit is in 1 Cor. 12: 13, and this is one of the proof texts used by those claiming a special "baptism." Actually the verse teaches the very opposite of a "special" spiritual experience, since it says that "all" had been "baptized by one Spirit into one body." Whatever the experience was, "all" had had it, and this "all" at Corinth were church members of whom Paul said, "I cannot speak unto you as spiritual but as carnal." Many believe that this is a reference to the experience of the Holy Spirit coming into the Christian at his conversion or new birth, calling that a "baptism" of the Spirit. Others believe that the reference is, like the other six, to Pentecost. Still others believe that it refers only to the Church at Corinth. It was "one body." Whatever may be the meaning it certainly does not teach a "special" experience to be called "baptism of the Holy Spirit." And neither do any of the other six passages teach that.

The Problem

What, then, is the problem? Many sincere Christians testify that they have had a "special" baptism of the Holy Spirit, subsequent to their conversion experience, yet the seven New Testament references to "baptism" related to the Holy Spirit, seem to give no grounds for a promise from God of such an experience. Could it be an error in terminology? Are these friends giving a theological name to an experience which is called something else in the Scripture? Is the "baptism" of which they speak so emphatically, actually the "filling" with the Spirit which is spoken of so often in the New Testament? We are convinced that this is where the problem lies, and that some persons and groups, taking this erroneous terminology, have used it to build some extreme doctrines, such as connecting it with tongues, miracles, etc., so that those seeking the truth, have found difficulty in reaching it.

4. Immediately someone may answer, "Well, it is better to have the wrong terminology and the right experience, than to have the terminology right, and the experience wrong." Granted, but is it not better to have both correct according to the Scriptures? Any Christian doctrine stands on solid ground only when it is completely scriptural in its origin, and it is very evident that a teaching of a special "baptism" of the Spirit to come after the conversion experience, can be based only upon assumptions concerning certain Bible passages, and not upon what they actually teach. Would it not be much better simply to take the Bible teaching concerning the filling with the Holy Spirit and build our doctrine there?

Filled with the Spirit

The New Testament is very clear concerning this. Paul instructed the Christians at Ephesus to be filled with the Spirit, and in other books revealed what that filling would do for the Christian. The book of Acts is a continual record of churches and individuals being filled with the Spirit with power given for preaching, for witnessing and for meeting Satanic opposition. There is every evidence that this continued filling with the Spirit was a promise for Christians through the ages and that men can experience such today. The testimonies of Christians and churches to which reference has been made at the beginning of this article, all appear to be fulfillments of this promise. Certainly we would agree that it is the need of every Christian now.

5. Christians should seek to be filled with the Spirit, and to allow the Spirit to assume complete control of their lives. This may bring the special experience which some call the "baptism," but which, in reality, is a "filling," or the filling may be manifest

in other ways. One cannot forget the experience of Dwight L. Moody on a New York street, when, as he tells it, the Spirit overwhelmed him, and he had to get aside where he could be alone for a while. Afterward his whole life and ministry manifested a new power because of the Spirit's fullness. Many persons have given testimony of a similar experience, and we thank God for it.

To others, however, the spiritual infilling may have come in a different way. They may not be able to point to a great climactic experience, yet their lives give every evidence of Spiritual fullness. Who will argue that that fullness is not just as great, or even greater than the other? An example is found in the witness of Dr. Vance Havner, one of the most Godly men among Southern Baptists today.

In his new book, *Three Score and Ten*, Dr. Havner says, "... a dear old saint gave me a book, *Deeper Experiences of Famous Christians*, by James Gilchrist Lawson. I remember that I could not sleep until I had read it—and then could not sleep because I had read it. I had been deeply concerned about my own need of filling with the Holy Spirit. I did not come to a dramatic subjective experience on this matter any more than when I first trusted Christ, but I rested on John 7: 37-39 with its clear message of thirsting, coming, drinking, believing and overflowing. I settled with the Lord in simple faith about this matter as with all others. Today, the church is agitated and divided on this subject and all sorts of extremes abound. To be filled with the Spirit is no weird or queer experience but the right of every normal Christian who thirsts for God's best, comes to Christ in full surrender, receives by simple faith, believes he has received and overflows in a life of blessing to the glory of God and the good of all others. All the wonders of the book of Acts were simply the outflow and overflow of the inflow of the Spirit of God. It is the strategy of Satan to let the excesses frighten other true Christians from the genuine in fear of the false. Because some get out on a limb, keeps others from even climbing the tree."

Need

6. We agree with Dr. Havner and also with men like Dr. Jack Taylor. Christians need the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Is a normal experience that every Christian can have and should have. The Holy Spirit abides within believer, but often He has not been recognized as present by the believer, and certainly has not always been given complete control of the life. The result is powerlessness, absence of joy, and lack of victory. The Christian struggles along instead of moving on the high road of victorious living. It should not be so. The Lord has not intended such for the Christian. He has rich experiences, blessing and power for all. These can come only when we yield our lives completely to the Holy Spirit who lives within us. Full surrender is necessary, for nothing less will give Him control.

In the margin of my Bible at Ephesians 5: 14 is written the following outline which I found somewhere. "Why are Christians not filled with the Spirit? Ignorance; Indifference; iniquity. What will happen when we are filled? Realization; Reproduction; Renovation. How be filled? Condemn; (the world); Crucify (the flesh); Co-operate." Any Christian can be filled with the Spirit, and will be when he meets God's conditions. Read books such as Jack Taylor's "The Key to Triumphant Living" and you will find a balanced presentation of how you can have this spiritual experience in your own life.

The Holy Spirit's manifestations and gifts are not the same to every Christian, and the experience of one may not be exactly the same as in another. Our own concern is that our position may be based fully upon the Word of God and not upon the claims of men. When one stays with the Scriptures he will not be drawn into dangerous and debatable extremes. In humility let us accept what the Spirit does within us as we yield ourselves fully to Him. There will be no pride, or judgment of others when He really is in control. His fullness is what we need and what we want. When we have yielded ourselves for that control for which He asks, there will be infilling, overflowing and empowering.

Nothing is more needed by today's Christians and churches.

The Holy Spirit is ready! Are we?

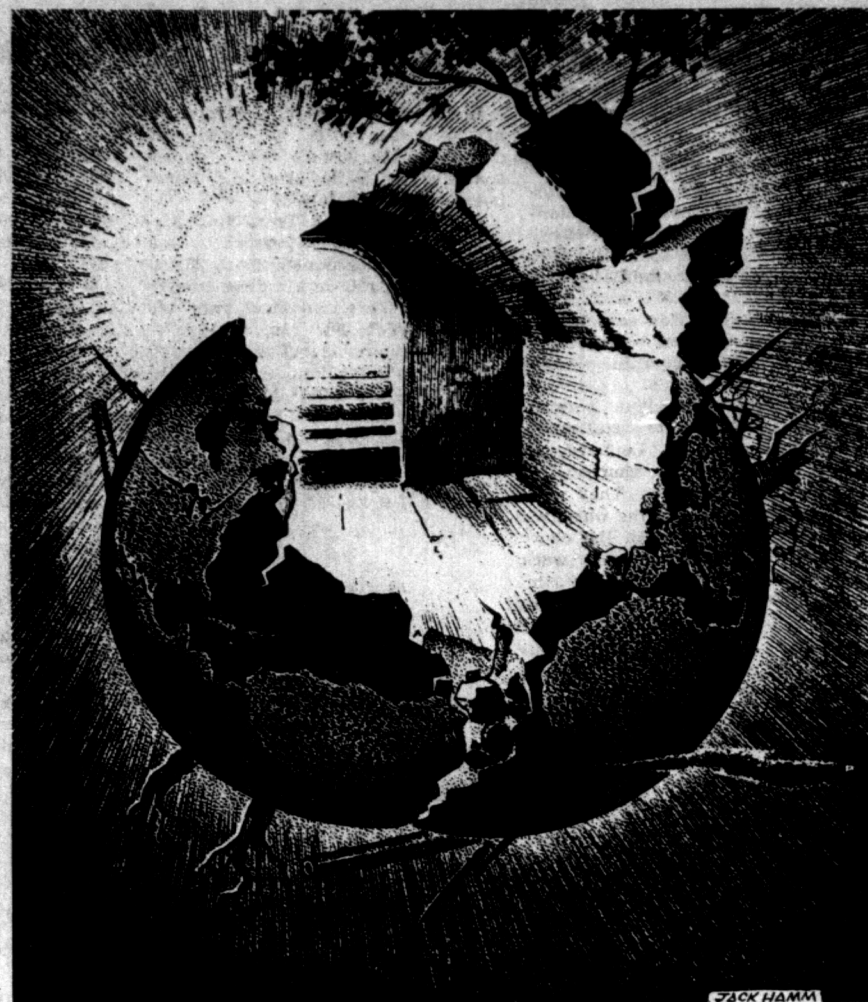
You don't have to institute a lawsuit to collect the wages of sin.

The stay-away-from-church father is not proud of the son who follows his example.

The average man believes in the church; let him be consistent and go to church.

No one can be truly educated who lacks a knowledge of the Bible.

The church is the mightiest agency on earth for human help and progress.



Hope For A Better World—The Empty Tomb

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Bible School Of Air To Celebrate 24th Year

Dear Friend:

At the National Baptist Convention (in Brazil) I was elected first vice-president and had to stay all the ten-day period. Then my wife, Haydee, three daughters, and I spent five days at a camp resting. In our pastors' conference in Recife, out of 150 pastors, everyone but two marched to the altar of complete, absolute surrender!

On May 5 we shall have our 40,000 hands lifted up to God in praise for the 24th anniversary of the Bible School of the Air and the payment in full of our miracle lot in Rio de Janeiro. Beginning May 9 we shall have a Renewal Week.

God is continuing to bless. My eyesight is doing fine. Prayer did it. Pray now for the operation in June on the left eye that is already blind.

We are having now 68 presentations of the Bible School of the Air every week, with two daily programs from Rio, in different stations, morning and night.

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Protests Graham Action In South Africa

Editor:

I read with disgust the article about Billy Graham refusing to preach in South Africa if there was separate seating arrangements for the races. Did not Christ say "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's"? The purpose of a minister of the Gospel should be to win souls for Christ, not trying to force certain political and social systems on earthly nations.

If Billy Graham wants to believe that race mixing is good for South Africa and after she has become a mongrel nation she will have done the "will of God" — if he would like to see the Blacks in political power in southern Africa like they are in other nations where they are a majority of the population, then let him say so. But let us see no commandments to mix the races or turn civilized governments over to Blacks, when their take-over in other areas saw a return to savagery and the deaths of several million people, and the establishment of military dictatorships.

Why pick on South Africa's policies when Communist governments as well as the State of Israel don't want the Gospel preached at all? Some people will believe anything if it's done in the "name of the Lord."

William Chancellor
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Jackson, Mississippi

NEWEST BOOKS

DON'T BLAME THE GAME by Bill Glass & William M. Pinson, Jr. (Word, 168 pp., \$4.95) Bill Glass is a former football pro who now is an outstanding Baptist evangelist, and William Pinson is a professor at Southwestern Seminary. The book presents dialogue between the two men, discussing modern athletics and athletes. They deal with some of the problems raised in the present athletic arena and some of the false concepts relating to them. The Christian influence is also recognized and discussed. The book answers criticisms of pro sports and shows what is right with sports.

THE END OF YOUNGBLOOD JOHNSON by Aaron Youngblood Johnson as told to Jamie Buckingham (Revell, 190 pp., \$4.95) The dramatic life story of Youngblood Johnson whose experience with Christ brought an end to years of addiction to heroin, pushing dope on Harlem's streets as a Mafia agent, and acting as a pimp, promoting prostitution. The book is startling in the raw sin which it presents, but reveals why only the grace of God can deliver.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

I suppose a person's interests and motives determine greatly what she sees when she looks at things. For instance, Erma Bombeck's long suit is wit, spaced with, for the most part, a few well-chosen barbs. When she sees dirty old gym shoes, she smells them. Then she wittily sticks them in some of her writing and makes us smell them, too, but she makes us smile while we're smelling them.

Ann Landers' long suit is advice to the troubled. When smelly old gym shoes appear on her horizon, they are the symbol of grave conflict between two who need her magnificent musings to work them a miracle. Heloise, *l'Amour*, *l'Amour*, at ship-shape housekeeping. To her, smelly old gym shoes are a challenge — to see how many readers she can get to write in, hinting how to get the shoes clean and sweet-smelling and how to keep them that way.

If I may mention myself in the same breath with these three famous people, I'll say what dirty, worn-out, smelly old gym shoes do for me. They remind me of people. People who've fouled their lives up and appear dirty, worn-out, and smelly to the people around them.

Then I think of what can be done for them to ease life. And that brings me to Easter — this lovely time symbolic of new things, beginning again.

The historical fact of Easter, Jesus' coming back to life, and the spiritual purpose of Easter, His completing God's one way for men to reach God, find their efficacy in the human heart, in a person's believing it all really happened, and that when it happened, it happened for him as well as for every other worn-out-dirty-gym-shoe-kind-of-a-person.

It's as if a person like that placed himself in a shoe box, closed the lid, opened it again and came out looking like your new Easter shoes. If that happened, you'd know there was some fantastic power working in the change, wouldn't you?

When a life is made new in Christ, such a transformation is made. — Address: Box 9151, Jackson, 39206.

THE MAN WHO SHOOK THE WORLD by John Pollock (Victor Books "Scripture Press," paper, 244 pp., \$1.95) Reprint of a biography of Paul originally titled *The Apostle, A Life of Paul*. The writer is very able in his description and in his research, and this book presents a dramatic picture of the life, development and ministry of the great apostle. Written like any other good biography, the book probes into the meaning of the experiences which made Paul's life what it was.

POINTED SERMON OUTLINES AND ILLUSTRATIONS by Hyman J. Appelman (Baker, paper, 118 pp., \$1.50) Sermon outlines and illustrations by the widely known and effective Jewish Christian evangelist.

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With renewed emphasis being placed upon evangelism, it has been of great concern to me regarding the approach to modern evangelism. A careful study has been given to much of this material with the result that some of it either totally ignores repentance or treats it all too lightly.

The lack of clear-cut emphasis upon repentance has caused many of our church problems. We have received people into our churches who have not really changed. They still hold on to the things of the world with the result that instead of the church exerting an influence into the world, the world is exerting influence into the church. To come into the church without repentance is to "creep in through a side door." (Jude 4; writer's translation)

WHAT REPENTANCE IS

There are two primary words translated repent in the New Testament. *Metanoeo* means "to change the mind" while *metamelomai* means "to regret" or "to repent oneself." The latter word means remorse or sorrow for sin. The word *metanoeo* is the word with which this article will deal.

Repentance begins with the intellect since it is a change of mind. However, it is not just intellectual because it causes a stirring of the emotions. Repentance produces contrition and godly sorrow (Isaiah 57:15, 2 Corinthians 7:10). It must be thoroughly understood that the change of mind followed by contrition and godly sorrow cannot take place without the work of the Holy Spirit. "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment" (John 16:8). The Holy Spirit helps us to see sin in all its horror. "We never see sin aright until we see it against God" (Plummer). Once the sinner sees sin as against God he is brought to contrition. Contrition means "bruised with" and indicates that our sin bruises us as it bruises Christ. This is true repentance since anything painful causes us to turn away from it.

There is the false concept being taught by some that a person receives Jesus as Savior and then begins the process of giving up sins. This is the reverse order of the teachings of the New Testament. We must come with a changed attitude toward sin, confessing it to God and allow Him to deal with the sin, nailing it to the cross of Christ.

MAN'S NATURE DEMANDS REPENTANCE

Man is depraved. The word depraved means "totally corrupt" or "morally bad." There are some today who say man is not really bad and that he is inherently good. This is man's opinion and not what God's word says. Psalm 14:1-3 declares, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one." No man is capable of doing what God declares is right without a changed nature. This is only one reference to man's corrupt nature. Here are other texts declaring man's sinful nature: Psalm 53:1-3; 5:9; 10:7; 104:3; 10:8ff; 36:1; Genesis 3:24; Romans 1-3.

To say man is totally corrupt is to say he is corrupt throughout his entire being. His heart is corrupt. Jeremiah declares, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9) Man's mind is corrupt (Romans 1:21-23). As previously from Psalm 14, man's actions are corrupt. Man's rebellion is threefold: 1. Rebellion is in the mind (Romans 1:22); 2. Man has a warped moral judgment (Romans 1:25); 3. Man refuses to retain God in his knowledge (Romans 1:28). Because of his fallen state, man is wholly unable to deliver self from sin (Ephesians 2:8-9). Furthermore, without grace man becomes increasingly worse (Luke 15:11-32).

No man escapes the corrupt nature. He is born with it. David declared, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm 51:5). "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Even from a logical standpoint this is revealed. Read the newspaper, watch the news on television or think about your own attitudes and actions. With all of our scientific advancement and all of our education, crime is increasing at a tremendous rate. Our advances in medicine and health care are offset by the fact we have more sickness. Our hospitals and mental institutions are filled. Sin brings physical sickness and death (1 Corinthians 11:14).

Because of sin, man is spiritually dead. The Bible says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Man is separated from God because of sin. To state it another way, man is separated from righteousness. The only way he can be joined to God is to repent of sin and place his trust in Jesus Christ. There is no other way

a spiritually dead man can do good works to please God. Good works come after man is alive in Christ (Ephesians 2:10).

GOD COMMANDS REPENTANCE

One of the most interesting things in the early ministry of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ is the central theme of their preaching. The central message was repentance. "John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." (Mark 1:4). "And after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'" (Mark 1:14-15). Preachers, in our preaching today, this should be our theme.

God does command us to repent. There is no option if we want to be born again and live. Jesus told those lamenting the two calamities recorded in Luke 13, "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:35). In Acts, the command to repent before acceptance in the kingdom of God is repeated of-

ten (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 8:22; 17:30; 26:30). The plainest command is found in Acts 17:30, "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent." Not only is repentance commanded but is God's will in order that we not perish. "The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

God has made repentance a necessity. The word appears in the Synoptic Gospels with Luke using it nine times, in Acts five times, in Revelation twelve times, with eight in the messages to the churches. Only two churches in Revelation were not told to repent, Smyrna and Philadelphia. The word "repent" is not found in the Gospel according to John, but the effects are stressed.

Repentance is not only mandatory for the lost sinner whereby he receives Christ through faith but is mandatory for the believer and the church if forgiveness is to be given when sin is committed. Someone has well said,

"Repentance is the door to the Door." Door."

IN CONCLUSION

With the revival of humanism ("any system of thought concerned with human interests and ideals." Webster) where the satisfaction of self - will is promoted, the need for repentance has become a must in preaching and evangelism. The "Charismatic" revival, whereby experience is elevated above the truth of God's word, has a sorely neglected repentance, allowing some who supposedly were "baptized in the Spirit" to continue practicing sins. Paraphrasing the baptism with (by) the Holy Spirit is for every believer. This is the placing into vital union with Christ and is part of every believing sinner's union with Christ. It is done by the Holy Spirit under the sovereignty of God. However, repentance of sin for personal cleansing is the requisite for the filling of the believer with the Holy Spirit.

Bringing people into the local church who have not changed will compound our problem. We have too many of these already!



The Last Supper

By Jules Chadel (French 1870-1942), from the Mr. & Mrs. Ross W. Sloniker Collection of 20th Century Biblical and Religious Prints, Cincinnati Art Museum. (RNS Photo)



SCRAPBOOK



"He Is Risen, Just As He Said"

After the Sabbath, as Sunday morning was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the grave. Suddenly there was a strong earthquake; an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled the stone away, and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid that they trembled and became like dead men.

The angel spoke to the women. "You must not be afraid," he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus who was nailed to the cross. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come here and see the place where he lay."—Matthew 28: 1-6.

The Best News Yet!

It had been three days since Jesus was crucified. They lost their dearest friend. When on the cross He died.

The shadows lingered on. The air was very tense. And filled with strange sadness, Doubt and suspense.

Jesus was dead and in the tomb. And now they had no friend.

And bring chaos to end.

He was their only hope; Now He was gone! What was there to live for, And how could they go on?

Some women spices brought. And carried to the tomb. In morning's early dawn; Their hearts were filled with gloom.

They reached the tomb and found. The stone was rolled away. With which the door was sealed. The guards — nowhere were they.

The women went inside the tomb; But Peter dashed right in. They saw two angels there; But where was He?

They were sorely afraid. And bowed their heads down low. The angels then began to speak. Of Him they longed to know.

"Why seek the living from Among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember what He said?"

"The Son of man would be Thus crucified by sinful men, But on the third day He Would rise again!"

His words then came to mind; How could they soon forget? They ran to tell the disciples — The best news yet!

They told Peter and John. And to the tomb they fled. Now where could Jesus be? John was ahead.

He stood outside the tomb. But Peter dashed right in. They saw the graveclothes there. Jesus had been.

The linen wrappings were All neatly in one place. And folded napkin that Had covered His dear face.

Peter and John believed That Jesus was alive; They saw the empty tomb, Their faith it did revive!

They went home rejoicing. Over their risen Lord! To tell their friends and neighbors. To spread the word abroad!

His disciples had now gathered. When Jesus did appear! "To you be peace!" He said, And calmed all fear.

When He had spoken thus, He showed His wounded side. And nail-pierced hands; Their eyes were opened wide!

To heaven He ascended. His home in glory-land. He'd left to give to us. The salvation He'd planned.

Since Jesus was victorious, Death has no sting. The grave no claim! Because of Him! Our King!

He arose from the dead; And we will, too! In heaven we will be. With Him! That's true!

But are you one of His? He died for all your sins, Arose to set you free. In Him, new life begins!

—Victoria Singley

Who Will Go

Who will go and tell them Who will ring the bell Who will tell my children A feast doth please me well

The table is set and ready The wine doth overflow Who will go and tell them Let all my children know

The bread is sweet like honey There's food enough for all Who will go and tell them Who will heed my call

—Rachel Alsworth Barr

Easter Eggs

Easter eggs! Easter eggs! Give to him that begs! To the poor, open door, something give them from your store!

Those who hoard can't afford — moth and rust their Those who love freely give — long and well may they live! Easter tide, like a bride, comes, and won't be denied.

—From a traditional Russian Easter song

Sometimes I Feel Like A Sparrow

Sometimes I feel like a sparrow. A little sparrow hovering on the ground Where I feel while trying to fly — Trying to do something too big for me to do And falling.

Hovering there, shaking, and vowing, "Never again will I try that. I'll be content to be plain, unassuming me. I'll plod along doing little things Avoiding this fallen feeling."

Hovering above, I finally sense, Is the God I've been trying to fly for. He scoops me up and holds me close, His big hand smoothing my feathers And rubbing my head. His voice quietly saying, "See, I told you you could not fall unnoticed. Come on, I'll help you fly again."

And off I go, knowing I'll fly higher than ever. And knowing, if I fall, how marvelous it is to feel like a sparrow.

—Wilda Fancher

Uncovered

When e'er your foot a stone upturns You see all kinds of wriggly worms snails and other slimy creatures most with very ugly features

Long ago in a far-off land a stone hid all the sins of man and every form of ugliness

When angels then this stone upended The Son of God from earth ascended

—Bert Hamill

The Dew On The Rose

No need to cry, no need to feel sad Jesus can make your whole world glad Let him share his love with you — It will be as the rose's dew.

—Pam Brumfield, 16

"Miracles"

I know that miracles are not all gone For I have walked along a Woodland Trail When dew along to the sprouting trees at dawn And watched a spider weave a misty veil.

Down on my knees, I gently brushed away The grasses covering a purple mound Or holes that lined from world display Blooming unseen close to the matted ground.

I looked into the velvet covered night Where windows washed by Stardust winked at me. And once I saw a ship all dressed in white Sailing against the sky's serenity.

I know that miracles are not all gone. For God's touch makes this manifest each dawn.

—Loraine Voyles

The Victory

I thank God for Easter, this time of year, When all new life begins to appear The awakening of Mother Nature seems to say: "Remember the cross and the Resurrection Day; Remember the triumph of God's Son When the battle he fought for us was won."

—Betty Pickens Brown



INDIAN Easter — This painting stands behind the baptistry at Canoncito Baptist Indian Mission on the Navajo reservation near Canoncito, N. Mexico. Baptist work on Indian reservations depends on your continued support of the Cooperative Program.—(Home Mission Board photo by Knolan Benfield)

Up From The Grave

By A. Donald Bell

The visitor stood on the shore near the water and gazed up into the distant Andes. The sun had turned the majestic mountains into molten gold. The variegated shadows painted a thousand patterns in the valleys and gorges. It was then that he saw it. He started in awe — almost hypnotized. Yes, it did something to you, as he had been told that it would.

The visitor looked at the world famous statue — The Christ of the Andes. It was high and huge and Herculean. The Christ was portrayed as one lifted up. His arms were outstretched in blessing over the land and its people.

The visitor thought, "That is how we all ought to see Him. He is to be high and lifted up. He is to be shown to the world as we hold Him up."

The writer of John wrote: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." (John 3:14)

"Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things." (John 8:28)

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)

Everyone has some mental image, or symbol, for each thought, idea, or person he knows. Christians have individual symbols for Jesus. Some people think of Christ in the act of teaching; others think of Him as He heals. Most every Christian has had some personal experience with Christ or with an artist's portrayal of Him which has caused these personal symbols of Jesus. Perhaps more people, however, think of the Saviour in some form wherein He has been lifted up than in any other way.

The Resurrection of Christ was not the only instance in which He was elevated. What were the other times when Jesus was lifted up? Was it when He was made an earthly king? No, He was called king but was given no governmental office. Was it when He was lifted up as an authority or wise man? No, He was thought to be authoritative and even His enemies marvelled at His wisdom; yet He was never accepted in the Classical world of His day as a great scholar.

When did men lift him up?

I. On The Cross

Ironically, the first elevation of Christ by men was the tragedy of His being lifted up on a cross. Men and women of their own accountability lifted Him up — not only to physical death — but in the most shameful execution in the Roman world.

The forefathers of these people lived in a psychological suspense awaiting the coming of the Messiah. They had always said, "If we fall now, there will always be the big opportunity when the Messiah comes." Now He had come. And men had lifted up Christ all right, but on a cross.

II. Up from the Grave

Since men had played their part and failed, God in His role of loving Father, interceded and elevated Christ in the second instance. This was what we now call the resurrection. Men had no part in this elevation of the Saviour. God lifted himself, the Son, from death into life. Whereas, the first elevation of Jesus, by men, was one of shame and degradation, this second uplifting of the Father was one of beauty and victory.

As we think of this uplifting of the Saviour at the Easter season, we feel a spiritual glow about us and find the real truth which comes in the resurrection. This truth, which Mary discovered in the garden that morning, was that the resurrection was not just a miracle. It showed Christ's power of eternal life for her and for all believers.

Perhaps today we over-emphasize the wonder of the resurrection and minimize its significance in terms of saving power for all people. In Christ we shall all be lifted up.

III. To the Throne

As the Saviour was lifted up by the Father from the tomb, so was He then lifted up to the throne. He left the role of sorrow and entered into the role of majesty. Christ now became the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He began his reign at the right hand of God.

Perhaps modern Christians have become soft in the faith. They, as others, do not want to see Christ on the throne. For too long they have thought about God only as the Father, Christ only as the Shepherd, and the Holy Spirit only as the Comforter. And though all these qualifications of God are accurate, we need to think more in terms of God as the one of power and wrath, Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and the Holy Spirit as the Fire and the Sword.

What we need in our day, more than some of the progress in science and education, is what grandfather called a good "old-fashioned fear of God." In brief, Christ is on His throne; He reigns, He rules, and He controls. Man had better live in the light of this fact!

IV. Before the World

Christ was willing to be lifted up on the cross, and to be elevated by the Father in the resurrection, and to be uplifted in the enthronement so that men could hold Him up before the world. Lifting up the Saviour in this way is often referred to as witnessing. It is holding up Christ to the man next door, the worker on the assembly line, the student on the playground, and the neighbor over a cup of coffee. Christ lived and died so that He might be lifted up in this way today.

The irony is that the cycle has been completed, and man stands again as he did at Golgotha. He decides whether or not he will lift up Christ in witness or to the cross of rejection. One wonders how much the human race has progressed since that time. Even at a sacred season of the year, such as Easter, many are lifting up Christ on a symbolic cross by their deeds.

Finally, Jesus was lifted up in these four ways so that He could reign in an individual life. His kingdom is within the lives of men. Only as individuals, of their own free will, hold Him up in their lives is His reign fully completed. The most beautiful thing in this world is a human life wherein Christ has been uplifted.

When Christ has been lifted up and placed upon the throne of a life, the greatest miracle in this world has transpired. Man does not know what can be accomplished if Christ is enthroned in human experience.

One man came very close to so uplifting Christ in his life. His name was David Livingston, a simple missionary. He prepared himself in every area wherein he thought God might use him: medicine, theology, music, and geography. He took Christ into the dark jungles of Africa and labored for years. He sought to lift up Christ in his own life and by his work. Finally, the light of Christ rose above the darkness of the jungle. The Gospel spread above the palm trees; and the whole continent, partly because of his work, became a great commonwealth.

Even as Christ was lifted up by the Father in the beauty of the resurrection, so can a human life be lifted up in Him.

Heredity is something a father believes in until his son starts acting a fool.

Money may not be able to buy friends, but it will get you a better class of enemies.

Foreign Mission Board Orients 56 Summer Missionaries

RICHMOND—Missions in 22 countries will get a shot in the arm this summer in the form of 56 college students. State Baptist Student Unions and the SBC Foreign Mission Board will jointly sponsor the summer missionaries.

All attended a weekend orientation program here planned by Stanley A. Nelson of the board's administrative staff, and Doyle Baird, National Student Ministries representative.

The students came from 50 colleges and professional schools and 19 states. Texas sent the largest contingent, with nine, closely followed by Georgia, and Mississippi with six each.

A major segment of the group is assigned to the Caribbean area, with 13 going to the Bahamas, two to Antigua, four to Trinidad and one to the Cayman Islands.

England, though not a Southern Baptist mission field, will be getting its first summer missionaries under the board program; two coeds will lead in Vacation Bible Schools. France and Germany will each get a pair of collegian missionaries.

Six will go to Israel, while four others will work in the newly independent nation of Bangladesh. The Middle

East will also receive summer missionaries in Jordan and Gaza.

Others are assigned to Ghana, Guam, Indonesia, Japan, Liberia, Malawi, Malaysia, Singapore, Peru, Philippines, Uganda and Zambia.

For two students, the experience will not be altogether new. Paul L. Shelton of the University of Texas, El Paso, was born to missionary parents in Uruguay. Though Shelton's assignment is in Peru, South America will probably seem like home territory. He considers English a second language, and feels more comfortable speaking Spanish.

While Adella (Dee) Olive from the University of Alabama School of Nursing at Birmingham is no stranger to overseas environment either, she will be in a new part of the world. Reared by Southern Baptist missionary parents in the Philippines, Miss Olive will work in the Baptist hospital in Gaza.

All the young missionaries received a thorough briefing on the world situation from administrative secretaries of the Richmond FMB headquarters. Though many are going to troubled areas, all indicated enthusiasm for their assignments.



Three college students in Richmond for the orientation of summer missionaries get together to discuss their weekend program at Foreign Mission Board headquarters and their prospective overseas assignments. Christy Connor (left) of Texas will go to the Philippines; Rob Baggett of Mississippi will go to Indonesia; Diann Cain of Louisiana will go to the Cayman Island. (Photo by Warren F. Johnson)

Revival Dates

Antioch (Lowndes): April 29 - May 4; Rev. Rex Yancey, Tupelo, evangelist; Danny Cook, Parkway, Tupelo, song leader; services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Jim Futral, pastor.

Grace Church, Vicksburg: April 28-May 4; Old Fashioned Revival beginning with Old Fashioned Dinner on the Ground April 29; Rev. James Pugh, Sr., pastor of Montrose Church, evangelist; Gary Edwards, minister of music and youth at Grace, singer; Dr. Henry E. Hight, pastor; services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Calvary Church, Batesville: April 22-29; Rev. Herbert E. Tuck, supt. of missions of Wise Association, Clay Stone Gap, Virginia, evangelist; Clay Moore, minister of music and youth of Calvary Church, in charge of music; morning and evening services; Rev. J. D. Joslin, pastor.

First Church, Hazlehurst: April 22-27; Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor. First Church, Biloxi, evangelist; Jamall Badry, evangelistic singer, Oklaoma, singer; Rev. George E. Mead, pastor.

Grandview Church, Jackson: April 22-29; Larry Moore, minister of music and youth at Grandview, singer; Rev. Joe McQuiston from Louisiana, speaker.

Griffith Memorial, Jackson: April 29-May 4; Rev. Wm. F. Evans, New Albany, evangelist; J. B. Betts, Southaven, song leader; Rev. Wilson S. Winstead, pastor; services at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Calvary, Greenville: April 22 - 29; Dr. Paul James, executive secretary-treasurer, Baptist Convention of New York, evangelist; Rev. Howard Taylor, pastor.

Emmanuel Church, Mayfield, Ky.: April 15-22; Rev. Mayo Mansfield, evangelist; C. H. "Pop" Stone of East Howard Church, Biloxi, singer; Rev. Martin Lunsford, pastor.

Pelahatchie Church, Spiritual Renewal and Enrichment Week; April 22-27; Dr. Chester Swor, evangelist.

tic speaker; Dan Guest, minister of music of Pelahatchie Church, music director; Easter Sunday services at 10:55 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Monday - Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday - Friday at 7 a.m. coffee and doughnuts served; Rev. Bob Maddux, pastor.

Sunshine Church, (Rankin): April 22-29; Rev. M. R. Bradley, pastor of First Church, Florence, evangelist; Al Pitts of the local church, song leader; services during week at 7:30 p.m. with the children's booster choir meeting at 7 p.m.; on April 29, dinner will be served on the church grounds following the morning worship service; also on April 29 high attendance day for the Sunday School is planned; Rev. T. N. Channell, pastor.

Nesbit Church, April 22 (Easter) - April 29; Rev. William "Bill" Tucker, pastor of Calvary Church, Milton, Florida, evangelist; Daryl L. Randall, minister of music, Graceland Church, Memphis, music director; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday - Saturday; regular hours 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays; Rev. H. S. Rogers, pastor.

Southern Hills Church, Jackson: Easter revival; April 22-25; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, evangelist; Herman Milner, Jr., Pearl, singer; Sunday 10:45 and 6; Monday-Wednesday 7 p.m.; Rev. David T. Cranford, pastor.

Self Creek (Oktibbeha): April 22-27; services at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Jim Gore, pastor, First Church, Shannon, evangelist; Rev. Billy Floyd, pastor.

Charleston Dampeer, Pastors' Father, Dies

Charleston Dampeer, age 58, died April 10 at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson. He was the father of two Mississippi pastors - Rev. Charles Dampeer, pastor of Easthaven Church, Brookhaven, and Rev. Kelly Dampeer, pastor of First Church, Olive Branch.

Funeral services were held at Crooked Creek Church, Newhebron, on April 11, with Rev. Toxie Hedgepeth officiating.

Survivors in addition to the two sons include Mr. Dampeer's wife, who lives in Newhebron, and one daughter, Mrs. Harold Cody, also of Newhebron.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Morgan City Church: March 4 - 9th; Rev. Rex Yancy from Tupelo, evangelist; 9 additions for baptism; one by letter.

Cascilla (Tallahatchie): Rev. William T. Wright, pastor, Clear Creek; Oxford, evangelist; Rev. Roy R. Marshall, pastor; six professions of faith; two additions by letter; numerous dedications.

First Church, Brandon (March 25-30): Rev. James Fancher, evangelist; Dr. and Mrs. John McNair, music team; 25 professions of faith, 6 by letter; Rev. W. Thomas Baddley, pastor.

Trinity Church, Hernando: 3 by letter; 4 professions of faith; numerous rededications; evangelist, Jim Gore, pastor, FBC Shannon; music evangelist, Vernon Schasb, minister of music and youth, Byhalia Church; Rev. David Hollaway, pastor.

Year Of Evangelism

Providential Adventures In Christian Witnessing

By R. Othal Feather

I had an officer friend in military service who was a brilliant scientist. He said he could not accept the scriptures as the word of God because they were foolishness to him.

I called his attention to the scripture passage in I Corinthians 1:21, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." He lived in a materialistic world of things he could see, touch, hear, taste, and smell. His life was mental and physical only. He could not accept anything miraculous or spiritual. Never-the-less, he was greatly disturbed and seemed to be under conviction, which condition he could not understand. I witnessed to him several times with caution, trying not to be too aggressive for his sensitive nature.

In spite of his unbelief in the scripture we read together about Jesus' sinless life, substitutionary death and resurrection. Then I gave him the passage, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are

saved it is the power of God." (I Cor. 1:18). I suggested that he read it with an open mind and a searching heart when he was alone that night. I assured him I would be praying for him that very evening. I also gave him I Cor. 2:14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

Early the next morning he sent for me. He was rejoicing and said, "I have found the Lord. He is very real to me." He continued his testimony, "Now I know I have a spiritual nature as well as mental and physical. I asked God to forgive me for my unbelief and sinful nature early this morning. Immediately I felt His forgiveness. True science is more real to me today than ever before, but, hereafter it will include a spiritual dimension."

Many times a scriptural prescription under the power of the Holy Spirit will bring conviction, even contrition and often conversion when our personal witness seems totally inadequate.

A lecturer is one with his hand in his pocket and his faith in your patience.

Insomnia gets most of the blame that conscience deserves.



Appreciation Day

Recently First Church, Mt. Olive, held Zoe Yates Appreciation Day and honored Mrs. Zoe Yates for her many years of willing and unselfish service. In addition to her service at the school and with private students, Mrs. Yates has spent many hours assisting students in various activities, working with civic club programs and various other ladies' and men's groups. She has served Mt. Olive Church as pianist and organist for many years. Mrs. Yates was honored with a reception in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Above, Rev. Foy Killingsworth, pastor, presents to her a color TV as a token of appreciation on behalf of the church.

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"The Baptist Hour"

"The Baptist Hour," radio program by the Radio and Television Commission, SBC, may be heard in Mississippi at the following times, places, and stations:

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Growth Follows WIN School At Clear Creek

On April 10, 1972 Clear Creek Church near Shubuta participated in a WIN school under the leadership of county missionary W. W. Boggan.

Highest attendance for the school was 14, with an average of 11. During the school there was one profession of faith. Resident membership is 52 with a total membership of 59.

Before the WIN school, average Sunday School attendance was 22. Average attendance for this year has been 35. Highest attendance for a given Sunday has been 43.

"Since the WIN school our people have a greater desire to work. In the past year we have installed central heat and air conditioning, added a kitchen, installed carpet over the entire sanctuary. All this has been paid for except about \$300. The Lord has really blessed the people here at Clear Creek," states Rev. Billy Ray Blackwell, pastor.

One sure way for you to gain adherents for your cause is to start winning.

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El Sol's Original Drama Special Airls April 25

Three internationally - acclaimed performers - Melvyn Douglas, London-born Claire Bloom and Israel's Topol - are the stars of "The Going Up of David Lev," El Sol Productions' original drama special filmed on location in Israel to coincide with that nation's 25th anniversary. The special 90 - minute play will be broadcast on NBC-TV Wednesday, April 25.

The title role is played by 10-year-old Brandon Cruz (co - star of the series, "The Courtship of Eddie's Father").

Jerusalem and Tel Aviv are the settings for the drama, with much of the plot centered in Jerusalem. The special focuses on the boy, David Lev, who leaves school and journeys to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv in search of information which will ease the grief of his mother. She has closed out the rest of the world in her mourning for her husband - an American killed while serving with Israeli forces during the six - day war.

Robert Capra To Head Fund Raising Service

NASHVILLE (BP) - Robert G. Capra has been promoted to head the Stewardship Commission's church and institutional fund raising service, the commission has announced. Capra, who has served with the Commission for over a year, previously served as assistant director of endowment and capital giving and Co-operative Program promotion.

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK

May 6 - May 13, 1973

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Christ Conquered Sin And Death

John 11:17-44
1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 51-57
By Clifton J. Allen

We believe in Jesus Christ because he conquered sin and death. The fact of his resurrection confirmed every claim about his nature and mission. The Easter message is the validation of our Christian gospel. Jesus' bold affirmation following the death of Lazarus that he is the resurrection and the life was confirmed by his raising Lazarus from the dead. This, however, was prophetic of his own resurrection, which is our ultimate assurance of the resurrection of all the dead and of the certain victory of Christ's eternal kingdom. Our lesson passage is a part of Paul's matchless treatment of the resurrection. His main emphasis in 1 Corinthians 15 focuses on the nature and certainty of the resurrection of believers and the significance of this doctrine for Christian living and Christian hope.

The Lesson Explained
CERTAIN FACT (vv. 20-23)
If Christ had not been raised, we would be "of all men most miserable." But he was raised from the

dead. Paul used the analogy of Adam, by whom death as a result of sin entered into the world. It became the lot of mankind. Likewise, by Christ, who became a man in full humanity, will come the resurrection. The reign of death will come to an end. All shall be made alive. Doubtless Paul had believers chiefly in mind, "They that are Christ's." And this will be inclusive of those who are alive at his coming, as true believers, and the believers who have died before his coming. The Lord of life and death will bring to an end for Christians every semblance of death as they are raised up in the body appropriate to the resurrection.

VICTORIOUS REIGN (vv. 24-28)
These words from Paul declare the most profound truth, but they are full of mystery as to how the sovereignty of Christ will bring to ultimate fulfillment the purpose of God in history. Many truths, however, are unmistakably clear. Christ is reigning now as the Lord of life and death. He is above "all principality, and power, and might, and dominion" in this world and the world to come

(Eph. 1:21). He must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. But Christ is exercising his sovereignty redemptively. In other words, he is surely making effective during this age the power of his redemption for the salvation of a lost world. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things have been subjected to Christ, when all the demonic powers have been destroyed, then Christ will deliver the kingdom in fullness and consummation to God the Father. The scepter of his authority will have been established. And then Christ the Son will be made subject to God the Father, "that God may be all in all."
CONFIDENT ASSURANCE (vv. 51-57)
Paul does not attempt to give details, but he sets forth glorious affirmations. When Christ returns, not all Christians will be asleep, not all will have died. But all, the living and the dead, will be changed. They will be raised up imperishable or incorruptible. The Lord's return will be unexpected, like the sudden blast of a trumpet. And the resurrection will be instantaneous, like the twinkling of

an eye. All that was characteristic of mortality will take on the nature of immortality. The resurrection body will be appropriate to the spiritual realm and will "bear the image of the heavenly," appropriate for its heavenly abode. Death has lost its power and its sting because man has been delivered from the bondage of sin and death. Thanks be to God, who has made it possible for us to have victory over sin and death through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Truths to Live By
We can have a Christian view of death. — Death brings to an end earthly relationships, however strong and dear, earthly achievements or failures, however satisfying or depressing, all earthly suffering, all earthly opportunity. Death means departure from the known into the unknown. Quite naturally, the severance of human ties means shock and sorrow, and the entrance into the unknown means an element of foreboding or dread. Death is real, and it should be faced. But the Christian

can have a view of death wholly different from the unbeliever. He can be assured of translation into the very presence of Christ in glory. The Christian should cultivate a mature and wholesome understanding that death is a normal part of human experience, that is, the death of the body. The treasures of Christian experience, the joys and blessings of Christian service, and the values of Christian struggle and Christian faith will not be harmed by death but will become more precious and rewarding as we are received into the presence of our Lord.

We can live the resurrection life now. — The power of the resurrection is a reality for living the Christian life in the world. This makes possible victory over sin and death in our human situation. We are not helpless before Satan. We can reject his deceitful promises and resist his subtle power. We can therefore live a life of truth and unselfishness and kindness and generosity and fortitude and joy in spite of a constant encounter with evil. We can overcome lust and covetousness and cowardice and jealousy and laziness because the Spirit of holiness abides in us to supply moral strength and moral judgment. We can live after the pattern of Christlike humility and compassion because he is our companion all long

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the way of life.
We can live with hope in a world of sin and death. — Christ's dominion is not in danger of being overthrown. We can have hope because all authority and power in heaven and on earth are in the hands of Christ, because he is reconciling the world by the blood of the cross, because he will not fail nor be discouraged until he has established justice in the earth, and because his kingdom is everlasting. These words are not religious clichés. They are affirmations of our faith in a great God.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Lord Over Death

1 Corinthians 15:1-7
By Bill Duncan

It was 8:01 when I first heard the siren of an ambulance headed towards the hospital. As soon as I could finish my conversation on the phone, I moved to reach the paper. The phone rang again and my wife said, "A lady needs you at the hospital; her husband is very seriously ill." I left the house trying to think in my own mind what this might mean.

I parked my car at the emergency entrance camp and walked into the hospital and spoke to the nurse in charge and said, "My name is Bill Duncan. I believe you have a patient here who is very ill."

The nurse replied, "Bro. Duncan, he passed away a few minutes ago. His widow is in the chapel."

As I made my way to the chapel, I thought: What can I say? What can I do? I stopped in to the chapel where a widow was grieving her heart out and saying, "What will I do now?" As I stood beside her, I thought of many things that the Christian believes in. This deacon who had passed away had led in prayer the night before. In that prayer service, he was happy and very healthy. But twelve hours later, he was dead. Death is a very hard experience when you consider the person who loses a loved one. There is loneliness, there's grief, and there is absence of love when death comes to anyone.

Thank God for the resurrection, that Jesus Christ is the Lord of life and of death! Thomas Arnold said, "I know of no one fact in the history of mankind which is provided by better experience in every sort to the understanding of a fair inquirer than the one great sign which God has given us that Christ died and rose again from the dead." Jesus Christ is the Lord of the resurrection because he is Lord over death. Death has been conquered because Jesus died and rose again. We as believing Christians can truly know that the gospel

knew the truth of God's word. Thank God that the resurrection has verified the truth that Jesus Christ is alive and you and I can know the importance of telling other people the truth that Jesus Christ is alive. Because death has been conquered by the resurrection, mankind today can know that Jesus Christ is alive and is making intercession for his children in heaven above. Death is defeated and we receive the victory by death into life eternal.

The full evidence of the resurrection cannot be logically presented without the evidence that Jesus Christ is Lord over death. Even in the dark hours of grief, a human being can take hope because he knows Jesus Christ is the Lord of life and of death. But this victory is given by grace to the world in the death of Jesus Christ. "Thanks be unto God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57). We can rejoice and we can be very thankful that the resurrection has taken place so at a time of death we can have a spirit of thanksgiving, not only for what Jesus has done for us, but what Jesus is doing even today, conquering death when He is allowed to be the Lord of the entire life.

Carey Awarded "Master's Level" Membership

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE has been informed by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools that it has been awarded "master's level" membership which is Level III. The Hattiesburg school now offers a master's degrees in music education and in church music. The announcement came to the campus from Dr. Grover J. Andrews, associate executive secretary for the Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester is president of William Carey College and Dr. Donald Winters is dean of the School of Music.

Pine Grove Builds New Pastorium

Pine Grove Church, Tippah County, is building a pastorium. Members who live in other counties and states and did not know of the church's plans, or anyone else who would like to do so, may send a donation to Earl Crawford, Dumas, Ms., church treasurer.

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An illiterate man is not half as dangerous as an educated fool.

When everything else fails — try reading the instructions.

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Rev. Allen B. Parnell, on the left is shown receiving the plaque from George Fox, superintendent of Sunday School at Sarah.

Sarah Honors Pastor

Members of Sarah Church, Sarah, recently honored Rev. Allen B. Parnell on his second anniversary as their pastor. They presented him with a plaque and a check.

The church membership and Sunday School attendance have more than doubled since Mr. Parnell was called to Sarah. The offering is steadily increasing and the church goes over its goals in special offerings. There is an active youth program.

Mr. Parnell is a student at the New Orleans Seminary. He returns home each week-end to work on the field at Sarah. Mr. Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Parnell of Sardis.



Pearl Receives Highest Recognition For Fifth Year

Pearl Church, Rankin Association, has achieved Distinguished Recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide, for the fifth year.

During this five-year period D. H. Robbins, T. W. Henderson, and Gene Williams have served as Church Training Directors.

Pictured are the general officers for 1972-73: Rev. Carl E. Parnell, who will be retiring soon; Gene Williams, Church Training Director; Mrs. C. C. Porch, Secretary; and Antony Box, Director of Enlistment.

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Hughes Speaks At Mid-America; Tells Of Wyoming Missions

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., April 4 — "In the United States, there are areas where there is almost no awareness of a need for God or a church."

This startling statement came from Dr. W. J. Hughes, veteran worker with the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board, in an appearance at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary here.

He was the featured speaker at the Seminary's Missionary Day program. "The people of the Energy Basin of Wyoming honestly say that they have attended church little in their lives and seldom think of spiritual matters," he explained.

The Energy Basin is the site of the nation's uranium and rich coal deposits.

Just last month, under the direction of Dr. Hughes, three Southern Baptist churches were organized — Shirley Basin, Hanna, and Medicine Bow. He serves as pastor of these churches as well as at a mission at Elk Mountain.

A graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, Dr. Hughes served as pastor of several churches in Mississippi before joining the Home Mission Board as pastoral missionary in January, 1958.

He began Southern Baptist work in North Dakota, and during the presentation told of the beginnings in that state.

"Most of the people in this area are religious and belong to some church, but when one is questioned about his personal commitment to Jesus Christ, he goes blank," Dr. Hughes related. "These are good examples of religious people who are lost."

Through the work of Dr. Hughes and

his wife, nine Southern Baptist churches were organized in the Dakotas and Minnesota, and other mission points were instituted.

Following the message, he issued an appeal for those feeling God's call to work in home missions. Three Mid-America students committed themselves to mission service. This, with the eighteen who had already made decisions on previous Missionary Days, means that about one-half of the enrollment of the Seminary is committed to mission work at home or abroad as the Lord shall lead.

Mid-America, launched this year in the facilities of Olivet Baptist Church, majors on practical missions and evangelism.

Dr. B. Gray Allison, president of Mid-America, said following the service, "This response gives testimony that the students are dedicated to the Seminary's motto... that in all things HE might have the preeminence."

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THE GOOD NEWS

1 Corinthians 15:1-7
The gospel that Jesus Christ is alive has made men rejoice in the good news throughout many generations. The evidence of the resurrection is testified by those who saw Him while he was here in the resurrected body and by those who have testified of the living Christ being in their life. The world today needs to know that Jesus Christ is alive. This good news is the very heart of the Christian message. When one accepts Jesus Christ as the Lord of life and death, salvation transforms the man. This message was preached by the apostles and by Paul himself. It is a message that we are to witness in the life that we live and in the words which we speak.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

1 Corinthians 15:14-19
How important is the resurrection? If Christ be not risen, then the Bible is not true. Paul went on to say in 1 Corinthians chapter 15, verses 14-19, that if Christ be not risen, then our faith is in vain and we are yet in our sins. If mankind knew no way to rid himself of the guilt and penalty of sin, life would truly be a miserable experience. Think of all the men in the past who preached that Jesus Christ is alive. They would be called liars if Christ be not risen from the dead. Think of all the people who have comfort in knowing that because Jesus lived, they too shall live after death. Life would be a very gloomy experience if no one really



First, Gulfport, "Reflections" To Present "Celebrate Life"

On Easter Sunday week-end, April 21 and 22, the Reflections of First Church, Gulfport, will present Beryl Red's "Celebrate Life." Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night and 8:30 p.m. Sunday evening in the church sanctuary. The five soloists (pictured at left) are Nancy White, Nedra Allgood (front row) Laurie Clippinger, Donny Jones, and Wanda Brown (back row). Four young men portray the four gospel writers: Rich-



ard Fletcher, Bruce Hogan, Andy Kalberg, and David Rogers. Pictured at right are seven of the instrumentalists. Left to right: Angela Dowdy, Kathy Berry, Tammy Shell, Derrith Allgood, Joni King, Carl Burns, and Robert Beaver. Sound director is Jack Cox; lighting director is Ben Stagg; drama coach is Janie Still; and musical director is Jimmy Cutrell. The public is invited.

Hardy Church 133 Years Old; Watchwords: Service, Missions

By William R. Moss

Hardy Baptist Church was organized in 1840 and through the years the watchwords have been service and missions. The church had other names in its beginning — Antioch—Troy—Mount Paran. Early worship was in a log school until 1845 when a church building was erected under the leadership of its first pastor, Elder William Minter. The first sermon preached in the new building for dedication was by Elder S. S. Parr. People became mission minded and had quarterly meetings for the purpose of praying for missions. They gave liberally and sacrificially to Missions.

The first sermon preached on foreign missions by Pastor J. G. Hall, pictured, was so forceful that \$20.00 was raised for foreign missions following the service. Hall helped organize Hardy while pastor at First, Grenada. Many held the position of pastor through the years with missions still a watchword.

In 1890 the Ladies Missionary Society was organized with fourteen women. From here the first Sunday School was organized under the leadership of Mrs. L. G. Aldridge, a very consecrated woman. Still mission minded, the women made and sold quilts and raised \$50.00 for missions.

In the thirty churches of the Yalobusha Association, only four reported women at work within them; and Hardy was one of the four.

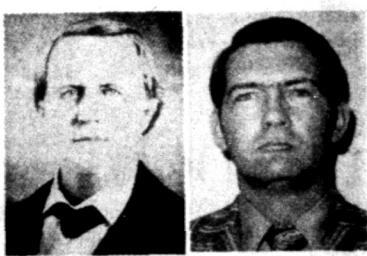
Many more pastors came and went, and the church struggled through some financially hard years and some spiritual decline.

The church records were destroyed by fire in 1890 and little was salvaged. Growth was small for some reason from 1890-1898. But under the leadership of Pastor A. A. Lomax, the church was revived until his death in 1907. From 1907 - 1924 the church had its victories and declines; and in 1924 the church was so poor the members had to bring coal from home to have a fire to worship by. The obligations of the church were hard to meet.

Then in the period 1925-1940 a renewed interest arose. The records again were burned and in 1925 a new roll was started with only ten claiming membership.

Soon a Baptist Young People's Union was organized. Other pastors came and went. 1935 found financially poor Hardy church asking the State Mission Board for assistance.

Hardy Baptist Church overcame its difficulties through prayer and determination of a few of its members who felt the watchwords, service and missions, were not obsolete.



Hill Jones

From then on Hardy Baptist Church has grown. In 1952 a new building was dedicated, in 1955 a new pastorage was built and in 1960 an educational building was added.

Today, we at Hardy Baptist Church still think that service and missions are important. Under the guidance of our Lord several of our own have gone to the mission fields.

Under the present leadership of Rev. Charles H. Jones, pictured, our gifts to missions have grown until in 1971 - 1972 the church gave \$6564 to mission causes from a total receipts of \$25,722.00.

We feel deeply that 1972 - 1973 will be another great year for our Lord. The December Foreign Mission Offering was \$1066.00. We presently are engaged in making our offering for Home Missions and are looking for

Employees Take Course, Medical Technology

Adeno, Anglo and Arthro are not members of an Italian operatic trio but prefixes for parts of the body—gland, lymph vessels and joints, respectively.

Employees of Mississippi Baptist Hospital will learn some 1200 words, prefixes and suffixes this year in a twelve-week course in medical terminology.

They will also learn word roots, abbreviations, and terms referring to diseases, medical operations and drugs during the 36 classroom hours and home work in between.

The course — officially designed as MRS 1123 for "Medical Record Science" — is the first hospital-wide course arranged by the hospital's new Department of Staff Development.

The director of the department, Mrs. Mary Holyfield, R. N., says the course is "the first in a continuing series of programs designed to upgrade the quality of employees."

The 62 students include people from

the hospital's business office, nursing service, medical records, dietary, hostess, x-ray, laboratory, physical therapy, chaplain and administrative units.

Teaching the course is Miss Sherry Carpenter, pictured, Assistant Record Administrator from Mississippi Baptist Hospital's Medical Record Department. Miss Carpenter has taught this type of course at the Jackson branch of Hinds Junior College.



Devotional

I Learned Of God's Love

By Larry W. Fields, Pastor, First, Summit

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).



We talk a lot about the love of God. We hear it expressed in personal testimonies, taught in Bible classes and preached from pulpits. But do we fully, completely comprehend what the love of God is like? Do we realize how much God actually loves us?

I gained a great deal of insight about the love of God about 3 a.m. one morning in a hospital room. I was walking my little son back and forth across the room. He was seriously ill with a bad virus infection.

I was walking him in an effort to get him to sleep, although the fever and discomfort made this difficult. Soon, however, he settled down and as he stopped crying, I reflected back over the past few days of his sickness. I began to realize that I had neglected my other responsibilities.

I had called off my Bible Class at Southwest Mississippi Junior College; papers on the desk at church were left unattended; visits that should have been made were not made, and study necessary for sermon preparation was postponed.

Everything suddenly became secondary and only that little boy was important. Why? Very simple. He was my son.

Yes, I had visited parents with sick children. I was concerned about their children and prayed for recovery. But when I left their room I had other activities to attend to.

This time it was different. That little fellow in my arms did not belong to someone else; he belonged to me. He was my child and that made all the difference in the world. During his sickness, every amount of energy, love, prayer and concern that was possible belonged to him. Even such normal necessities as eating and sleeping were no longer important. Everything was focused on that child.

As I walked back and forth early that morning with that little boy in my arms, I suddenly realized how much God loved me. He loves me in the same way that I love my own son. Through Jesus Christ, I have become a child of God. Since I belong to God, his love, his care, and his loving kindness are ever before me. This is truly the most beautiful truth the world has ever known.

I could not fully understand God's love for me until I had a child of my own. I thank God for speaking to my heart that morning. And I thank Him that I can tell others about this great love of God through Jesus Christ.

Dentist Since 1916 Dies At 84

Dr. Walter C. Sandusky, Sr., 84, widely known dentist, died at Memphis, March 14. He was born at Monticello, Ky. November 15, 1888.

Dr. Sandusky began practicing dentistry October 1916, shortly after his graduation from the University of Louisville College of Dentistry and continued until the beginning of his illness, three weeks prior to his death.

He was known for his outstanding service in First Baptist Church, Holly Springs which he joined December 24, 1916.

He served as a deacon since 1920 and was a former chairman. He taught Sunday School and, for the past 27 years, taught the Men's Bible Class. He sang in the choir until the year before his death. He was on the Building Committee when the present sanctuary was completed in 1923. He was Moderator of the Marshall

County Baptist Association for many years and had just completed his 16th year as a trustee of Blue Mountain College, having also served on the Executive Board. He was a former member of the Miss. Baptist Convention Board.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marie Miller Sandusky; a daughter, Mrs. Leslie B. Sigman of Holly Springs; a son, Dr. Walter C. Sandusky, Jr. of Memphis; his twin brother, Dr. C. P. Sandusky of Arcadia, Fla., and another brother, Rev. G. C. Sandusky of Monticello, Ky.; a sister, Mrs. M. C. Sorrell of Charlotte, N. C.; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at First Church, Holly Springs, on March 15, conducted by Dr. Earl Kelly of Jackson, a former pastor, assisted by Rev. Tommy Tutor, pastor, Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis, and Dr. D. M. Nelson of Birmingham. A memorial fund has been established, The W. C. Sandusky Memorial Fund, which now amounts to approximately

"Truth" To Sing In Clarksdale

"Truth" Youth Singers will be featured guests in a program at the Clarksdale City Auditorium on April 26 at 7:30 p.m.

The performance is to be sponsored by Christian laymen of Clarksdale.

"Truth" is a well-known group of young singers who have travelled all over the United States and into other countries, singing in churches, at conventions, youth meetings, and concerts.

ly \$1,800; anyone that would like to contribute to this Memorial Fund may send their contribution to First Baptist Church, Holly Springs and designate it to Sandusky Memorial Fund.

BAPTISTS ASSIST FLOOD DISASTER

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptists assisted with \$10,000 in relief funds here where flood waters from the Tennessee River caused more than \$65 million worth of damage.

Paul Adkins, secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of Christian social ministries which provides Baptist disaster relief funds nationally, said churches in the area have rallied together with the American Red Cross to provide help.

More than 20 per cent of the city was damaged in the mid-March flooding.

Several Southern Baptist churches, including Central Baptist and Woodlawn Park Baptist Churches, reported extensive water damage.

Baptist pastor Fate L. Thomas of Ridgeview Baptist Church, lost everything in his home, totaling more than

\$15,000 worth of damage. Another pastor reported more than 34 inches of water standing in his home.

An estimated 2,400 families suffered flood damage. More than 1,400 people went to the Red Cross for temporary assistance. It was the worst flooding in the Chattanooga area since the 1930's.

BANGKOK, Thailand — During a youth retreat at the Thailand Baptist Encampment on the Gulf of Siam, 21 young persons accepted Christ as their Savior. Seven others, four of them Southern Baptist MKs (missionary kids), dedicated their lives to fulltime Christian vocations, and another 41 rededicated their lives to Christ. The group of 171 students and counselors attending the retreat were from the International School here.

If one wishes to be a knocker, he needs either brains nor education.

Off The Record

The Sunday School teacher asked one little girl if she knew the story of Adam and Eve. "First God created Adam," she said, "then He looked at him and said, 'I think I can do better.' So, He created girls."

The new storekeeper had been told that a lot of Indians came there to trade. What he hadn't been told was that most of them spoke English. When he noticed an Indian woman near the glove counter one day, seeking to be helpful, he asked, "Squaw needum gloves?" To which she replied, "No, thank you. I'm just waiting for someone." "Then, eyes twinkling, 'you needum learn English?'"

Names In The News

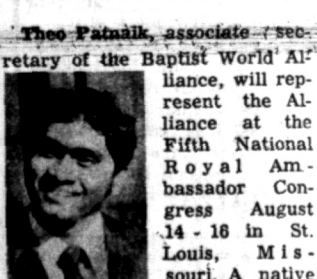
Dewitt Webb was licensed to the Gospel Ministry by First Church, Pontotoc, on Sunday, April 8. Mr. Webb is married to the former Linda Hester. The Webbs have two children. He is available for supply and other work. His address is Rt. 3, Pontotoc, Miss.

N. Larry Baker of Monroe, La., has been named assistant professor of Christian ethics and pastoral ministry at Southwestern Seminary, effective Aug. 1. Baker has been pastor of the Parkway Church of Monroe, La., since 1970.

Farrell Blankenship was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in an ordination service March 4 called by First Church, Hattiesburg. He is serving as minister of education at First Hattiesburg. Dr. Brooks H. Wester, pastor of First Church, served as moderator, and Rev. Kermit McGregory, pastor of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, served as clerk of the ordaining council.



Wayne Marshall, left, was ordained to the gospel ministry on March 11 at Cascilla Church, Tallahatchie County. He is pastor of Rocky Branch Church, Calhoun County. Dr. James L. Travis, Head of Bible Dept., Blue Mountain College, delivered the ordination message; T. E. Briscoe deacon, Clear Creek Church, Oxford, led the ordination prayer; Rev. Charles R. Farmer, pastor of First, Shelby, uncle of candidate, gave the charge; Ray Kirk, minister of music at West Heights, Pontotoc, sang, accompanied by Susan Bell at the piano. (Ray, Wayne and Susan are students of Blue Mountain College). Pate E. Brown, Sr., above right, chairman of deacons, presented the candidate a Thompson's Chain Reference Bible on behalf of the Cascilla Church. Rev. Roy E. Marshall, father of the candidate, pastor of Cascilla, presided over the service.



Theo Patnaik, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, will represent the Alliance at the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress August 14-16 in St. Louis, Missouri. A native of India, Patnaik has responsibility for youth work for the Baptist World Alliance. He is a graduate of British and American schools. The 35 year old Patnaik came to America to study in 1961 and was ordained to the ministry by the Providence Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, in December, 1963. He joined the Baptist World Alliance staff in 1971 after working with international students in northern California.

Floyd A. Craig, director of public relations for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville, Tenn., will teach a practical course on church public relations, during the 1973 summer session at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Craig will teach the two-unit course, titled "The Church Communicating to Its Community," June 19-July 13 at Golden Gate. The course will provide practical instruction and application



Thermon Hood, right, chairman of deacons, Morgantown Church, Natchez, on April 8 presented to Rev. and Mrs. Charles Hollifield, left, a check to cover the expenses for a trip to the Holy Land. On June 15, Charles Hollifield will have served the church as pastor for eight years. This offering was promoted by the deacons and the entire church was given opportunity to make a love offering for this trip.

Dr. David Owen, Hattiesburg physician, spoke to the Lebanon Baptist Ministerial Assn. at the Dixie Church recently. Dr. Owen's topic was "The Pastor and His Health."

In developing a whole communication program for a church or similar organization and in the process will give a better understanding of the news media.



Mrs. B. B. McKinney, widow of the first secretary of the church music department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville visited the Board recently during the Hymnal Committee meeting, where work was begun to revise "Baptist Hymnal." With Mrs. McKinney here are William J. Reynolds (left), secretary of the church music department and Charles Livingstone, leader of the church program organizations group.

NASHVILLE (BP) — Fred M. Chapman has been promoted from assistant to associate director of endowment and capital giving service for the Southern Baptist Convention's Stewardship Commission here.



ALUMNI OFFICERS WORKSHOP — Rev. Louis F. Smith (left), Jackson pastor and president of the Mississippi New Orleans Alumni Association, is greeted at the annual Alumni Officers Workshop of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary by Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy, Dean of Academic Affairs of the school. The two-day workshop, March 22-23, centered around plans for the June Meeting of the National Alumni Association in Portland, Ore.

EL PASO, Tex. (BP) — A new Baptist school called the International Baptist Bible Institute here has named Loyd R. Simmons former president of Baptist colleges in Arizona and California, as its president. Simmons, nationally-known in Southern Baptist circles for his strong stand on separation of church and state, is former president of Grand Canyon College in Phoenix, and immediate past president of California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif.